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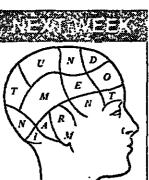
East German army halved by desertion

Soviet troops take over border patrols

Mass desertions f East German army wake of the opening Berlin Wall are believe to have cut the 170,00c strong force by up to half.

Many of those who have left have headed for the West where they are selling uniforms and medals in flea markets. West German police fear they may also sell their weapons illicitly

to raise quick cash. Up to 40,000 of those who have left have done so as a result of the cult in compulsory national service from 18 months to a year, but others are simply not turning up for work as devastated morale leaves the army far less battleready than any other in East-



TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

The Times Tournament of the Mind, offering the chance to win £5,000 and a computer.

The tournament, devised and marked by Mensa, will be played over 20 rounds, with the questions becoming

increasingly difficult. Each entrant will receive a special certificate.

As a sample, try this: Which three-letter prefix can be added to the following words to create new ones? BOX BREAKER CAP BOUND FALL. The answer is on

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Khrushchev ignored his enemies - and paid the price. Will Mikhail Gorbachov do the same? Oleg Gordievsky considers the president's future on

page 11 Marilyn Monroe could soon be making a new film. How? Our Science & Technology section, beginning on page 31

explains There were no winners of yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize. Today's chance to win £6,000 is on page 29

Takeover tactic

Schemes to support the share price of companies during takeover bids were regarded as legitimate during the 1980s takeover wave, the Guinness trial was told ...

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n Europe. Many of those maining are refusing to train to fight an enemy they do not believe exists; and Soviet troops have been called in to

patrol the German border. Nato sources in Brussels believe the Volks-armee (NVA) is losing credibility as a fighting force. "Soldiers are simply not turning up for work. Some have emigrated to the West, Others have gone elsewhere in the country," an

Leon Brittan .

official said. "A lot of them feel the Army is useless. That famous East German discipline has gone."

Professional officers are reported to be particularly demoralized. They can see no future in their own army and know it will be virtually impossible to join the West German Bundeswehr, which is likely to become the military establishment in a reunified Germany. Under the Honecker regime, officers had to be Communist Party members and so are barred from service under West German

Accurate figures of the number of deserters are not available, with the Defence Ministry confused as to exactly who is on leave, who is a discharged conscript and who is absent without leave.

Western intelligence reports show that the army is disintegrating daily, with some sources claiming that anything up to a half of its strength six months ago has already gone. Although Western observers doubt it has yet lost that many men, at one barracks at Bad Seldsungen half of the 2,000 troops have gone.

This is all putting an extra strain on the 350,000 Soviet troops in East Germany. Last week, the Russians carried out a long planned defensive exercise and had to combine with a makeshift NVA unit because the one originally meant to take part simply

refused to do so. The most obvious sign of the army's border, where for the past few weeks only Soviet units have been seen guarding what is left of the fence dividing the two

The reduction in numbers of units is not solely due to desertion. With so many skilled people leaving the country for the West, such trained personnel as mechanics, drivers and medical staff have been drafted in to help run transport services, hospitals or ambulances.

Dissatisfaction with army life resulted in a rash of strikes by soldiers in January, when they "downed guns" to de-mand better pay and con-ditions. The Defence Minister, Admiral Theodor Hoffman, responded by cutting military service and introducing measures to soften the army's image.

The need for military re-form was also recognized this week by the negotiators who agreed a 10-point plan aimed largely at creating a policy for a new European security system. The negotiators firmly rejected, however, Aamira' Hoffman's idea to form a joint force with a 150,000-strong lightly-armed professional army for both Germanys.



Kohl bows down on Polish border

After months of hesitancy and eye on preventing voters from amid a rising chorus of criticism within West Germany and by its neighbours, Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday continued even during his threw his support behind an explicit recognition of the present East German frontier

He told a Cabinet meeting that he had "full understanding" of a proposal that the West German Bundestag and a freely elected East German parliament issue a joint declaration acknowledging the Oder-Neisse border before unification.

Until now he has refused to gave a categoric statement renouncing any German claims on territory lost to Poland after the Second World War. He insisted this the two states after

His ambiguity, with a clear

From Michael Binvon, Bonn the lost territories defecting to the right-wing Republicans in the coming general election, recent talks in Washington. It led to strong public criticism

Allies' wrangle. Leading article.

in the US. On Tuesday Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, came close to an break with his partner, and insisted on a binding unambiguous German statement soon.

Mrs Thatcher has made such a statement a precondition of her acceptance of unification, and strongly supported Poland's call for a clear

encouraged by polls showing that support for the Repub-

Storms batter England home and abroad



Allan Lamb, the England cricketer, inspects a sodden pitch in Jamaica after rain threatened England's chances of beating the West Indies. Report, page 44

Prince breaks holiday to visit stricken town

By Mark Souster and Ronald Faux

The Prince of Wales is to interrupt a skiing holiday in Switzerland today to visit the stricken Welsh town of Towyn where severe flooding has led to the evacuation of more than 2,000 people.

As the devastation spread along the North Wales coatt, the European Commission said it will make an emergency donation of £325,000 to help the families of British victims killed or injured by the recent

Mr Peter Walker, the Sec-

retary of State for Wales, has aiready announced "very As a third day of strong winds whipped up seas around Britain's battered coastline, the number of residents evacuated in North Wales rose to more than 2.000. The villages of Pensarn and Kinmel Bay were partially evacuated in advance of 10-metre-high spring tides, joining residents of Towyn at five emergency

centres in the area. The London Weather Centre, however, offerd a terday, and Rhyl was under

glimmer of hope for emergeny services battling to overcome the effects of the storms. "The worst of the bad weather is

over," a spokesman said. The National Rivers Auchority, meanwhile, said the corms this week highlighted the need for a single body to administer and co-ordinate

Sea defences at bay ..

operates the flood defence system in England and Wales. said it will have to spend at substantial" funding for dis- least an extra £20 million on trict councils in north Wales. sea defences next year as a result of this week's appalling

weather. In Towyn, Colwyn Borough Council and British Rail worked round the clock to fill the 300-metre breach in the sea wall with five tonne stone blocks from nearby quarries, set in place with quick drying cement.

A five-mile stretch of road between Pensarn, from where 40 families were moved yesfive feet of water and flood water extended two-and-a-half

on full flood alert with warnings of a 50-foot tide in the Bristol Channel - the second highest of the year.

In the South and South-east of England heavy plant machinery was brought in to coastal areas to push back shingle as soon as the midnight high tide receded.

coastlines were on flood alert. There was flooding in the Seabrook area of Hythe and at Sandgate, Kent, where the sea defence wall burst on Monday night but not on the scale of earlier in the week. Shepway District Council, which covers the the areas of the Kent coastline most severely affected, yesterday issued 3,000 sandbags to residents most at

In north Devon the high tide brought fresh misery as mountainous seas breached patched-up sea defences, flooding harbour areas and Continued on page 22, col 1

Trade deficit rise hits Government

By Colin Narbrough and Richard Ford

Britain's monthly visible trade month was better than when it deficit began to widen again in came out. January, dealing another blow to the Government in the runup to the Budget and a key by-election the following week.

The widening to £1,979 million from a revised £917 million deficit in December at first worried City economists expecting a figure of about £1,200 million.

Official explanations that the figure was a one-off rise. with the long-term trend still down, soothed markets by the

end of the day, however. Treasury officials said £500 million of the deficit was caused by such erratic factors as diamond imports and the Felixstowe dock strike. The FT-SE100 Index rose

0.6 points to close at 2255.4 and the pound rose 0.3 points against the trade-weighted index to end the day at 89.9. Last night Mrs Thatcher

aid on Yorkshire Television: "Obviously one is disappointed but, at the same time as that one, they have revised industry, said the deficit ex-the previous one downwards. ploded the Government's In other words, the previous

"If you take the two months together and average it, they are about what you might have expected and they do represent a downward trend." Mr John Banham, directorgeneral of the Confederation of British Industry, said the

Gilts hit.

figure was misleading and warned economists not to talk the UK into recession.

But yesterday's figures were still seen in Westminster as a blow to the Government, already facing deep unpopularity and bracing itself for a struggle to hold the Mid-Staffordshire seat in the

March 22 by-election. The Opposition said the latest figures showed the complacency of ministers who claimed that their economic policy was working. Mr Gordon Brown, the shadow Secretary of State for Trade and "do-nothing complacency".

Sanderson awarded £30,000

with Poland.

could only be legally settled by reunification.

line from Bonn.

Herr Kohl may have been

Tessa Sanderson, the 1984 Olympic javelin champion, yesterday won £30,000 in libel damages over an allegation that she stole another woman's husband.

She had been accused by Mrs Jewel Evans, a beautician, in two Sunday newspaper articles of enticing her husband Derrick away.

Mirror Group Newspapers. which faces estimated costs of

Trial report ... £200,000. was granted a 14day stay on award pending a possible appeal.

Miss Sanderson, aged 33, had sued the group and two ournalists over stories in the Sunday Mirror and The People last March quoting Mrs Evans' allegations. She in-sisted her affair with Mr Evans did not begin until after the

£500m boost for the inner-cities

By Peter Davenport

sary of the Government's spokesmen can go on and on inner-city programme by announcing an extra £500 million of funding, taking spending on regeneration schemes this year to a record £4 billion. At a presentation in Bradford, video-linked to events in six other inner-city areas, Mrs

Thatcher's message was that, although much had been achieved, much more remained to be done. She said a key element in the success of the Action for Cities campaign so far was the

partnership between the public and private sectors. During a ceremony at the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford, Mrs Thatcher said: The Government can spend billions on the inner cities, prime ministers and members of the Government can make

The Prime Minister yesterday umpteen speeches in praise of marked the second anniver-inner cities, and Opposition and on - to coin a phrase about the need to do more for them. But the key to success is the drive and enthusiasm that come from teamwork."

The Prime Minister said the £800 million of taxpayers' money that had gone into the Government's 10 urban development corporations had generated £7 billion of private sector investment. She praised the companies involved in inner-city projects.

Mrs Thatcher also announced a further phase in the Government's plan to move thousands of Civil Service jobs in London and the South-East. She said Customs and Excise was to relocate 1,700 jobs to Manchester and Liverpool. Details of the site for the new offices were announced yesterday.

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Red October fiction reflects Soviet mutiny facts



for Red October is premièred soon.

From James Bone New York

A KGB general has given the first official confirmation of a mutany aboard a Soviet warship that is strikingly similar to Tom Clancy's best-selling novel, The Hunt for Red October, soon to be premièred in a film version starring Sean Connery.

Mr Clancy was an insurance agent in Maryland when the book, his first novel, was published in 1984 by the Naval Institute Press, which paid him an advance of \$5,000 for the book. The tale about a Soviet submarine

and its crew that tried to defect to the

West was a runaway bestseller, earning him more than \$1 million and an

invitation from the then President

Mr Ronald Reagan, Major-General A Boriskin of the KGB has now given the first details of a mutiny, widely known in the West, involvin a Soviet warship 15 years ago. The incident occurred in the Baltic on November 8-9, 1975, when the deputy commander of the big submarine hunter Storozhevoi, Captain (Third Class) Valeri Sablin, took over the ship and declared it "independent".

of the Soviet Navy: "I demand that the territory of the warship Storozhevoi be free and independent from government and party organs," The mutinous crew headed towards Sweden, but was forced to stop by warplanes. "Yes, weapons were used

but the bombs were dropped not on

the ship but ahead of it," General Boriskin wrote in Izvestia. "There was no damage The only casualty was Captain Sablin, who was shot in the leg by the Storozhevoi's commander. "The Military Collegium of the

Supreme Court of the USSR on July 13, 1976, found Sablin guilty and sentenced him to death," General Boriskin recounted. "His accomplice, Seaman R. Sheney, was sentenced to He told the Commander-in-Chief eight years in prison." The rebel captain was later shot by firing squad. A further six officers and 11 warrant officers who helped Captain

Sablin were investigated but charges were dropped. Mr Clancy was not available to comment yesterday.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Ford move to end craftsmen's strike

Ford will today try to end the unofficial strike by a group of craftsmen which has cost more than £250 million in lost production and forced the lay-off of 11,000 workers (Kevin Eason writes). The company will distribute letters to assembly line workers at its big Halewood plant on Merseyside, asking them to return to work on Monday after a seven-week lay off. Similar letters were expected to be sent to transmission plant staff on Friday.

The 550 Halewood craftsmen, who have refused to accept the company's pay deal in defiance of their unions, will meet Mr Jimmy Airlie, secretary of the Ford unions' joint negotiating committee, today.

He will tell them to return to work after Ford promised to examine their grievances over skill demarcation changes contained in the two-year agreement accepted by most of the 32,000 manual workers.

The 3,000 Halewood production workers have lost about £1,400 in pay and Ford believes they are keen to return. A mass meeting will discuss the letters on Saturday.

Lecture death threat

A lecture by Dr Zaki Badawi, principal of the Muslim College, London, and chairman of the Council of Imams and Mosques, on the offence allegedly given by Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* was cancelled last night after a death threat (Mike Horsnell writes).

The threat was made against a member of staff at Bradford and likley Community College, where the lecture was to have been given. Dr Paul Gallagher, principal of the college, said: "Threats of this nature cannot be taken lightly. The safety of our staff and students must be our first priority."

Brown on way out

Mr Ron Brown, the MP for Edinburgh Leith, appeared to be on the road to political oblivion last night after Labour leaders gave the go-ahead to his local party to consider removing him and Mr Neil Kinnock,the Labour leader, spoke of outrage at his conduct (Philip Webster writes). Mr Brown defiantly declared his intention to fight on and denounced the "shamocracy" of the national executive's decision to allow the Leith party to hold a special meeting.

Duke's speeding fine

The Duke of Westminster, reputedly Britain's wealthiest man, yesterday accepted a magistrates court offer of a week to pay a £120 fine for driving at 106mph. The fifth Duke, who has two previous speeding convictions, was banned from driving for 14 days. Magistrates in Stroud, Gloucestershire, heard that the Duke, aged 38, was exceeding the limit by 36mph on the M5 in his Jaguar XJS sports saloon.

Kasparov defeated

Garry Kasparov, the world chess champion, lost to Boris Guelko in their eighth round match at the International Grandmaster Chess Tournament in Linares, southern Spain (Raymond Keene writes). Guelko, playing white, forced Kasparov's resignation on the 54th move after the champion had sacrificed two pawns for little compensation. Nigel Short, Britain's top-ranked grandmaster, lost to Lajos

Greville Wynne dies Greville Wynne, the British spy who spent 18 months in

Moscow's Lubianka jail and who was described as Britain's best known secret agent after a BBC television play on his experiences, has died in London after a long illness. He was recruited by British intelligence while a student before the Second World War and played an important role in the 1960s by helping to "run" Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, a highly-placed Soviet defector. Obitary, page 14 highly-placed Soviet defector.

King appeals to MPs over Wallace inquiry

nmons defence committee to delay its investigation into the Colin Wallace affair until the end of the Ministry of Defence's own internal inquiry (Sheila Gunn writes).

The defence secretary's appeal has split the Tory-dominated committee, which launched the inquiry after the ministry's admission of "some istration" in the handling of the affair.

It is understood Mr Michael Mates, the chairman, urged

Mr Tom King has asked the the committee in private session yesterday to be prepared for a slow, long investiga to uncover the truth behind Mr Wallace's allegations of smear tactics in the 1970s.

One committee MP said later: "We are being fobbed off like little boys."

The committee has asked the ministry to supply written evidence on the disinformation campaign intended to deni-grate politicians and organizations for propaganda pur-poses in Northern Ireland.

MPs criticize lack of traffic plan for tunnel

By Michael Dynes Transport Correspondent

To cater for an expected explosion of traffic when the Channel Tunnel opens in 1993, the Government must abandon its opposition to integrated transport planning, the Commons transport select committee warned yesterday.

In spite of widespread anxiety over increased traffic volumes between Britain and mainland Europe, the Department of Transport had planned virtually no additional expenditure on Channel Tunnel roads, and had no traffic forecasts, the committee said.

"When we asked what additional spending was earmarked for tunnelrelated roads, we were told the answer was almost zero. Trunk road schemes were justified by estimates of traffic growth without the tunnel, and the department had not judged it necessary to expand the programme.

"The department appears not to have made independent traffic forecasts of conditions after the tunnel opens," the committee said. "We find this surprising in view of the existing congestion in the South-east, and the fact that not only the tunnel but also the Single Market could lead to an explosion of traffic between Britain and the rest of the

Community."

The committee's report, Roads
For The Future, said congestion in
the South-east had increased considerably in recent years because of heavy traffic growth, and warned of a "further deterioration" impairing "our economic competitiveness" unless this was rectified. The Gov-

ing the construction of new passenger and freight rail links to serve the tunnel in order to take the pressure off roads, and to avoid the "bleak prospect" of a wholesale increase in congestion in the South-

The committee welcomed the Government's recent decision to boost funding for the expanded trunk road network but said this had to be matched with increased investment in local distributor roads to

reduce congestion in urban areas.
Emphasizing the link between road and rail usage, the committee said it feared that "approval of large investments will mean approval of large real fare increases, particularly as British Rail and London Regional Transport's property assets diminish", resulting in "higher fares

transport and on to the roads". More than 40 recommendations

were made for improving Britain's transport infrastructure, including improved co-ordination between the Departments of Transport and Environment, more effective traffic forecasting increased powers for local authorities to enforce parking regulations, and a cut in the time needed to plan and implement new road schemes.

However, the committee expressed considerable scepticism over Government proposals to expand the national road network by recruiting private sector capital, and warned that the introduction of toll roads would be fraught with danger. It was equally dismissive of road pricing, a system of charging motor-ists for entering congested city

it described as "merely a way of allowing the better off and those on business expenses to enjoy benefits denied or made more expensive to

Mr John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, said the report makes a powerful case for the

strategic approach to transport plan-ning that is sadly lacking from government policy."

Mr Gary Turvey, director general of the Freight Transport Associ-ation, welcomed the report, saying the committee had recognized "that it is no good having a superbintercity road network if traffic becomes clogged the moment it

strategic approach to transport plan-

reaches urban areas". Roads For The Future, House of Commons Transport Committee (Stationery Office, £7.40).

Tory MPs to warn Thatcher of havoc caused by poll tax

ister today of the havoc being caused for the Government by the introduction of the community charge.

A group of senior MPs from the London area have been invited to meet Mrs Margaret Thatcher in one of a series of meetings being organized to allow backbenchers to vent their concern over issues such as the poll tax, interest rates and foreign affairs.

One MP who was expected to attend said yesterday: "It is too late for this year. The budgets are being set. But we need to be assured that Mrs Thatcher is not isolated from parliamentary feeling on this issue. The charge is playing havoc with our party. I just hope she knows it."

The MPs will find Mrs Thatcher unrepentant. In an interview on Yorkshire Television last night, she defended the community charge and said she had no regrets about

would have been a complete elections this year. rating revaluation across the bitterly unfair tax, only paid pushed up spending and kept, sort of behaviour," he said.

charge £159 above the govern-

Oxfordshire district council,

which had set the charge at

£412. The move is likely to

have significant political im-

plications as local authorities

throughout the country final-

cil meetings; in Manchester

police were called to clear the

loudspeaker announcements.

The Conservative upset in

Elsewhere hundreds of poll

ize their poll tax figures.

As a result the Conser-

ment recommendation.

Conservative MPs are plan-ning to warn the Prime Min-vote in local elections. It and the next year the ratepayer would have been much, much had to pick up the tab. worse had we had a rating

revaluation. Mrs Thatcher said the community charge was a much fairer system; she did not do things because they were popular but because they were fairer.

The fresh evidence of concern came as Mr Chris Patten. Secretary of State for the Environment, unleashed a bitter attack on local authorities for using the introduction of "smokescreen" to impose extra burdens on householders. As Tory county councils continued to set budgets way

above Whitehall spending targets, a clearly angry Mr Patten accused the counties of acting for electoral reasons. In a letter to his constit-uency party, Mr Patten re- from local people's banks and ferred to Avon's projected put it in their own?" increase in income of 20 per Was it right, to o

She said the alternative there were no county council It was a "depressingly typi-

Tories resign over charges

The poll tax claimed its first West Oxfordshire came after councillors who have resigned

political casualties last night some members met at the are totally wrong and mis-

when 18 Conservative countown hall in Witney. They guided If they are angry about

cillors resigned the party whip decided it was unacceptable to the poll tax they should fight

ing below government guide-

lines. They were also angry

about a proposed 34 per cent

After resigning the party

whip, they entered the council

chamber for a meeting as

independent councillors. Mr

find that we have been getting

protest at having to set a in spite of having kept spend-

tax protesters disrupted coun- nowhere with the Govern-

vatives lost control of West council rent rise.

cent and said it might not be

unconnected with the fact

Mr Patten said that spend-

ing increases by councils looked like being so big that that they would have caused a 35 per cent rate increase. He spoke of "talk" of a £370 average community charge, almost £100 higher than the Government believed necessary.

He said that even if allowance was made for the arguments being put by councils, nothing could justify such behaviour. "Inflation is not risthe community charge as a ing by 35 per cent; nor are people's wages, is it fair that councils should inflict huge extra burdens on people because they think they can use the smokescreen of the introduction of the new system? Is it reasonable that councils should seek to raise extra

Was it right, to quote the Labour-controlled Association of London Authorities. that councils should set the highest possible charges. "I will not hesitate to protect country. "Rating was the most cal" story. County councils local chargepayers from that

Manchester City council

last night set its poll tax at

£425, well below the £733

which had been forecast but

still £111 (35 per cent) above

The meeting was held up for

half an hour while police

removed 50 noisy protesters

More than 200 dem-

onstrators lobbied councillors

outside Shire Hall in Taunton.

government

the

David Walker, the former removed 50 noisy pro-Conservative leader, said: from the public gallery. "We have had enough. We More than 200

ment over poll tax despite Somerset, in protest at a being a frugal authority." recommended poll tax of

Conservative party said: "The the Government estimate.

A spokesman for the local £350, almost £100 higher than

recommendation.

Farm seeks good husbandry a



The Cross daughters: (from the left) Joanna, Sally, Trudi and Rachel, with their nephew Sam. Yesterday the four were sifting through a shortlist of suitable men to marry.

By Alan Hamilton

A West Country farmer's wife has advertised some of her livestock in the newspaper Farmer's Weekly. Which is not in itself unusual, except that it is her four daughters who are

Mrs Janet Cross, of Mid-ford, near Bath, took the step after despairing that her children would ever find suitable husbands. Joanna, aged 32, Sally, 31, Trudy, 29 and Rachel, 27, all approve of the scheme. They have been in-

undated with offers.

they married, Mrs Cross come up to scratch. I think I placed an advertisement which am as particular as they are; read: "Man-eating daughters we all want Mr Right." message was not lost Farmer's Weekly readers.

Mrs Cross took the desperate measure after her family congregated at the farm for yet another lonely Christmas. "I am very serious about this. I just want to see them married and happy," she said.

MANUE AT THE LAW AND SERVICES OF A SERVICES

The advertisement with its biblical-style plea for help placed by Mrs Cross in a recent edition of Farmer's Weekly.

Choosing the parallel of Zelophehad, the biblical fath-er of five daughters who faced and have had many boy-losing their inheritance unless friends. But none has really

of Zelophehad seek strong Replies have been sifted partners for life-safari." The through, and most have been Replies have been sifted

A short list has been handed to Sally, a psychiatric nurse, to have first choice. When Zelophehad died in the wilderness, Jehovah commanded that his daughters marry within their own tribe lest the tribal property be lost to outsiders. No such strictures apply in the case of the

Cross tribe. Mr Jock Cross, the girls' father, is less enamoured than the rest of his tribe at the He rather groupily dis-missed the whole business as a

Rail travellers' grim picture

British Rail services, excluding InterCity, have deteri-orated markedly over the past four years, according to the latest passenger survey conducted by the Consumer's Association magazine Which?

It showed an overwhelming number of passengers and commuters felt trains are crowded, dirty, and unreliable." and that many other aspects of the service had deteriorated since the last

Passenger opinions "paint a muters want to see im- of the ride.

pretty grim picture - every aspect that we asked about received either significantly worse, or, at best, no better ratings than those from commuters four years ago,"

the survey said. Of the 500,000 commuters into London during the morning peak, two in three believe the service has got worse, two in five think it is poor value for money, and over two in very poor.

overcrowding "is the single

proved", followed by improved seating, punctuality, and frequency of service. About 50 per cent of commuters gave their local stations a rating of "poor" as far as car parking, platform seating, covered waiting areas, refreshments, information,

and ticket purchasing arrangements were concerned. More than four out of five five rate the service as fairly or InterCity passengers rated their service as good or fairly The survey revealed that good and about nine out of ten were happy with punctuality, most important thing com- duration and the smoothness

Decoy clients reveal cheating estate agents By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Estate agents, including some of the best-known firms, are cheating customers and even breaking the law through sharp practices, Which?, the magazine of the Consumers' Association, alleges today.

Its investigation has produced "clear evidence" that some agents are handicapping buyers who do not use their financial services; discouraging second offers on houses to make the most of scarce buyers; keeping prices low, without sellers knowing in order to make more sales; and selling the wrong sort of mortgage or unnecessary insurance to housebuyets so

as to gain more commission. Which? looked into recent allegations by the Law Society and others that some agents are profiting at customers' expense by dishonest and. in some cases, illegal methods. It recruited eight people selling their houses in the south of England and used actors to play potential buyers, going to nine estate agencies.

After examining the eight cases Which? says: "Clearly there is a need for tighter controls, particularly if our limited investigation is an indication of the standards of practice of estate agents on a national scale."

The Office of Fair Trading is

reviewing estate agency practices and has proposed changes to the law, including banning forced tie-in sales, by which house-hunters buy a property only if they get a mortgage through the estate agent, and a new voluntary code of conduct.

Which? found that two of the eight agencies where it put in two offers on the sellers' houses managed to convince the seller to accept the lower offers that would have earned the agency more commission through selling an insurance-linked mortgage. One agent lied to a seller and the other failed to report the second offer.

The magazine says that an estate agent must, by law, act in the seller's

a seller the truth about any offer. Mr Trevor Kent, president of the National Association of Estate Agents, said if the allegations were true, he had to support the call for further controls on agents' activities, but said it was wrong that the agents had been given no chance to put their side of the story.

Thousands of people have put off going to the dentist because of rising charges, Which? says today. A survey found that nearly a third of people now visit the dentist less often than they did five years ago. The cost of treatment was the main reason for

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BAe says it had no Young sweeteners

By Sheila Guan, Political Reporter

British Aerospace directors controversial deal and could British Aerospace directors yesterday cleared Lord Young of Graffham, the former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, of offering them special tax favours to close the £150 million Rover sale.

They finnly denied being offered "sweeteners" by the Government and tax inspectors to salvage their purchase tors to salvage their purchase

of the car group. Questions still remain over whether Lord Young sought to deceive Parliament and the European Commission over the final terms of the deal. Under questioning from the Commons trade and industry committee yesterday, Mr Ber-

nard Friend, BAe's former finance director, admitted mis-takes in a memograndum to his board members which implied

finalizing his report on the own.

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demand extra payments. BAe is due to hand over the £150 million purchase price by the end of March. Meanwhile, two Commons mittees are closing their inquiries into the deal by investigating the Inland Rev-enue's role in the closing days

Mr Friend set out in his memorandum on July 5, 1988, ways of closing the £357 million gap between the deal which the EC was prepared to approve and what BAe wanted to take over Rover. This memorandum states: "DTI

proposals: the DTI are trying to cover the gap to bring the amount to be paid to Rover Group closer to £890 million." But Mr Friend insisted the DTI was affering special yesterday that they were not concessions and "sympathetic the DTI's proposals but his inland Revenue treatment". own. He also said that the Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's words "sympathetic Inland senior EC commissioner, is Revenue treatment" were his

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Olympic star wins £30,000 damages over wife's claim

reached after less than three

hours' deliberation, Miss Sanderson bugged and kissed

Richard Hartley, QC, her counsel, as "the greatest law-

She said she did not think her name had suffered in spite

of the lurid accusations made

"It was just like the last throw at the Olympics. I had to do it or it would have kept

raising its head again and again," she said.

"I won my case and I am very delighted. I am glad the jury recognized the nasty digs.

No, there won't be a celebra-

tion tonight; this is not about

During the trial the athlete

during the eight-day trial.

yer in the world".

Miss Tessa Sanderson, winner applied for a 14-day stay of Olympic and Common-pending a decision on an wealth Games gold medals in the javelin, was awarded £30,000 damages in the High Court in London yesterday over newspaper claims that she stole another woman's

When the jury announced its decision, Miss Sanderson, aged 33, gasped "thank God" and cried with joy. She later said: "It's been worth the hell I've been through. It's been an awful, awful experience." The damages were awarded

against Mirror Group Newspapers and two journalists. Articles in the Sunday Mirror and People last year carried accusations by Mrs Jewel Evans, a beautician aged 36, alleging that the athlete had lured away her husband, Mr Derrick Evans, aged 37, a physical fitness instructor.

Mr Evans punched the beach with his fist when the finding was returned. He said the outcome was a vindication of Miss Sanderson's decision to sue. "It was nothing to do with the money: we had to do it to clear Tess.

Neither he nor Miss Sanderson would comment on suggestions that they might soon marry.

In addition to the award, Mr Justice Michael Davies made an order against the newspapers of £30,000 costs, £20,000 of which will come from money paid into court by Mirror Group Newspapers in Mr George Carman, QC, for Mrs Evans: Said husband to newspapers, successfuly was lured into an affair.

had told the court she felt "cheap and dirty" when she pending a decision on an had read the articles. She insisted her affair with Mr Evans, who is still her lover, did not begin until after the break-up of his stormy The newspapers argued the

articles did not state baldly that Miss Sanderson had sto len Mrs Evans' husband, but there were sufficient grounds to suspect that what she said might be true.

The Sunday Mirror article said Mrs Evans claimed Miss Sanderson "lured her husband into a passionate affair by dangling the promise of fame and fortune" Miss Sanderson and Mr

Evans told the court they first had sexual intercourse in early February 1989, significantly later than the date claimed by the newspapers. Earlier, the judge had told the jury that, if it found in

favour of the athlete, it should "not go mad" about damages but pitch it against the cost of a Chinese meal with friends, a good holiday, a car or even a house, depending on how it saw the severity of the libel. The jury did not know until afterwards that the newspaper group had paid £20,000 into

Had the award been £10,000 less, it would have meant that Miss Sanderson would have had to pay for her defence costs, in spite of winning the

The newspapers' costs were



Miss Sanderson and Mr Evans after the verdict last night: "It had nothing to do with money. We had to do it to clear Tess."

 The judge had warned the jury yesterday not to "go mad" in awarding any dam-ages to Miss Sanderson and advised: "This is not a football pools case" (Our Legal Correspondent writes).

The judge, who is in charge of the High Court jury list, was trying to give some kind of framework to the jury of five men and seven women in its task of arriving at appropriate

libel damages.

It is not the first time Mr juries away from the huge Justice Michael Davies has sums widely reported in the

had to steer juries to award

In Lord Aldington's libel action against Count Nikolai Tolstoy and Mr Nigel Watts, the judge warned the jury not to deal in "Mickey Mouse" figures. The award set a record

of £1.5 million. Pending the coming into force of the Lord Chancellor's reforms which will widen the Court of Appeal's powers to vary libel damages and enable more guidance to be given, Mr Justice Michael Davies has

Referring to the award to Lord Aldington, and that to Times Newspapers in the action between Mr Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, and Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, former editor of the Sunday Telegraph the judge said: "In that very box over the last six months, jurors have awarded sums between 60p and £1.5 million.

"This is not a football pools case, not £1.5 million, but that case (Aldington) was as different from this as chalk and cheese, rain from sun. "Equally the 60p case was

different in many ways."

He warned the jury: "You are not dealing with money that grows on trees which you can hand out ad lib."The judge is known to be concerned about the disparity in media coverage between huge libel sums and small ones, which tends in turn to fuel higher and higher damages. There are large numbers of

small awards of between £5,000 and £20,000 where the jury is "on target", because their awards match the sums the defendants pay into court by way of settlement offers. But they do not attract press

Jail-swap prisoners escape in seized car

By Oceatin Cowdry

Four prisoners described by police as highly dangerous were on the run last night after overpowering warders in a van in Surrey and hijacking a viercedes sports car to escape. The escape came when one of nine inmates being taken from Wandsworth Prison, south London, to the Parkhurst maximum security jail on the Isle of Wight, drew a knife and threatened and

warders escorting them.
Four of the prisoners then commandeered the two-scat car, at Churt, near Hindhead. The other five inmates stayed in the van until police arrived.

slightly injured one of the five

The car's owner, a retired teacher, Mr Peter Dakeyne, aged 72, of Broadstairs, Kent, was leaving the Pride and Valley public house in Churt after asking directions when he saw the prisoners, wearing standard-issue blue trousers and blue-and-white striped shirts, taking the car. He said that the men had thrown

baggage out to make space. Det Supt Len Withall, of Surrey police, urged the public

not to approach the missing men, who had all been "con-nected with violence". They are: James Ayres, aged 24, serving six years for theft-and robbery; Gregory Crab-tree, aged 24, serving 10 years for robbery, possessing a fire-arm and conspiracy to rob; James Moore, 24, jailed for robbery and possessing fire-arms; and David Wilde, 30, jailed for robbery and firearms.

There were no valid claims in yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Platiums competition. The prize money today has accumulated to £6,000.

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PORTFOLIO

confusion in death of actor's son

Blood samples sent by a pathologist in Japan were probably not from the twin son of Alan Bates the actor. whose death may have been caused by an asthma attack after an allergic reaction to an anti-cholera injection, an inquest was told yesterday. Tristan Bates, aged 19, an

actor and male model, died in Tokyo on January 13 shortly after the injection for a working trip to Thailand, the inquest at Westminster was told. Dr Iain West, the patholo-

gist, said a Japanese postmortem examination showed Bates had a reading of 80 milligrammes of alcohol to 100 millilitres of blood, but his own figures disclosed an amount of 66 milligrammes.

Dr West said the blood samples sent by a pathologist from Japan were probably not the deceased's. He found no injection marks and no evidence of him ever having had an asthmatic attack. He thought the findings related to an acute allergic reaction to the injection and gave the cause of death as acute asthma. Bates, of St John's Wood,

north-west Loudon, had the injection on January 12. "I'm surprised he wasn't tested for a controlled drug. Most medical examiners in the world would," Dr West said.

In an open verdict, Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, said: "It is unlikely the blood samples from Japan related to Tristan Bates." He said: "What happened out there is something we really do not know."

Tristan's father and twin

brother attended the inquest.

Mr Bates said later his son was

Blood test | Police 'knew killer of heiress in 1977'

mother and her boy friend that they knew who the killer was in 1977, St Albans Crown Court was told yesterday. Miss Shepherd disappeared

Darling, her mother, gave evidence at the trial of Mr David Lashley, who was first arrested in connection with the murder in February 1977 but has only now been brought to trial after allegedly confessing to the crime to fellow prisoners.

Mrs Darling identified linen and jewellery which she had given to her daughter. She wore a simple gold ring which her daughter was wearing when she disappeared. Mrs Darling took a gold chain which she had given to Miss Shepherd from an envelope. On it hung a pendant of Woodstock, the cartoon character, given to Miss Shepherd by Mr Roddy Kinkead-Weekes, her boy friend.

At the end of Mrs Darling's

Police investigating the mur-der of Miss Janie Shepherd, the Australian heiress, told her "Why on earth was this lady Alliott, the judge, asked: "Why on earth was this lady called?" Mr Michael Kalisher, QC, for the prosecution, said it was at her own request. Mrs Helen Grindrod, QC,

for the defence, asked whether in February 1977 and her Mrs Darling had been given a body was not found until pledge by Det Chief Supt April. Yesterday Mrs Phyllis Mooney, the officer in charge of the investigation into her daughter's death, that he would find her killer. Mrs Darling said that she could not recall. Mrs Grindrod said: "Did he tell you he believed he knew who the man was?" Mrs Darling said: "Yes."

Three people who had been to a dance in King's Langley, Hertfordshire, on the night Miss Shepherd disappeared gave evidence of how they followed what may have been her Mini car for about four miles between King's Langley and Hemel Hempstead. Mrs Lynn Pedder and her husband Kenneth had noticed the Mini because its number plate closely resembled Mr Pedder's initials. Miss Shepherd's car registration was KGM 300P. The case continues today.

Marital rape charge In a legal test case, a man accused of raping his wife was yest-

erday committed for trial by Leicester Castle Magistrates' Court (Craig Seton writes). Reporting restrictions were not lifted. Mrs Christina Coles, chairman of the bench, committed the case to Leicester Crown Court. The man was charged with rape under Section 1 of the Sexual

Offences Act, 1956 and with assault and causing actual bodily harm on November 12. Mr John Milmo, QC, appeared for the Crown Prosecution Service. Mr Graham Buchanan, for the defence, did not apply for bail.

The case is expected to test the law in England and Wales on whether a man can be convicted of raping his wife when they are living apart, but there is no separation order. The Law Commission is to review the law on marital rape.

"a wonderful young man". Transplant team 'knew very well kidneys had been sold'

By John Young

tragedy for everyone."

Turning to Mr Joyce, Mr

A Harley Street physician was closely involved in the sale of kidneys to private patients in London, and the transplant surgeon with whom he worked chose to look the other way, the General Medical Council was toid yesterday.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, for the GMC, told a disciplinary hearing that Dr Ray-mond Crockett knew very well that Turkish kidney donors were being paid and were not related to the recipients.

The kidney of one of the donors had been matched against 11 potential recipients. There was no way that Mr Ahmet Koc could have been brought to Britain to give it to a relative. Further evidence of payment had been produced in a letter signed by Dr Crockett authorizing payment of £3,500 to Mr Ata Nur Kunter, said to be a kidney broker.

Mr Henderson was giving his closing address to the hearing at which Dr Crockett; Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon; and Mr Mich-Henderson said although his ael Joyce are accused of brilliant surgery had helped to serious professional miscon-duct. Dr Crockett has chosen save many lives, his approach had been unethical in that he not to give evidence. had failed to see the donors or Mr Henderson said the recipients as his patients.

charge that Dr Crockett failed case of Mr Bewick, who accepted responsibility for Mr to establish whether Mr Koc erstood that he was to have his kidney removed might be Joyce whom he regarded as thought to be the gravest allegation. "If Mr Koc did not know he was going to have a kidney removed, it is sarely a

Mr Henderson agreed the patients for surgery.
Mr Bewick had categoriwording of an advertisement for donors in the Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram precally denied that he took part in the sale of kidneys. cluded the idea that Dr Crockett had initiated it; but it was inconceivable that his sec-retary, Mrs Ann Whatley, did not refer to Dr Crockett calls being paid. from people offering kidaeys.
Mr Henderson accused Mrs

"The troth was there staring Whatley of lying to protect Dr Crockett and, in doing so, she him in the face. Mr Bewick had revealed that he had was not looking." condened the advertisements.

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That was important in the

Mr Bewick's case was that be was entitled to rely absolutely on a system whereby Dr Crockett would assur responsibility for preparing

He had said it was anathema to him and that there was no possibility of the donors But could he have been so

blind? Mr Henderson said:

The inquiry was adjourned antil March 26.



THE GUINNESS CASE

Saunders 'bought shares in support of small brewery'

Share support operations such as that at the centre of the Guinness affair, are regarded a jury was told yesterday.

Indeed, shortly before Guinness launched its bid for Brown to help it to fight a takeover bid by Scottish and ivier Roux, Guinness's former finance director, told Southwark Crown Court.

Only the purchasing of a company's own shares was a grey area and the practice was so widespread as to be of little concern. Mr Roux said

under cross-examination by Gerald Ronson, chairman of Heron International.

Mr Ronson; Guinness's former chairman and chief executive Ernest Saunders; the stockbroker Anthony Parnes; and the financier Sir Jack Lyons deny 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act arising out of an alleged illegal share support operation during the battle between Guinness and the Argyll supermarket chain to take over Distillers in 1986.

Yesterday, Mr Roux described Guinness's role in a share support operation mounted to help Matthew Brown, a Guinness customer.

He said that Mr Saunders had lunch with a director of J Schroder Wagg, Matthew Brown's merchant bank, in December 1985, and was asked to buy shares in the brewery and not accept the Scottish and Newcastle offer.

Mr Sherrard: "This is known as not assenting the shares?" Mr Roux: "Yes." Mr Sherrard: "What

Mr Roux: "Guinness bought the shares and if Guinness lost money the company was told that the loss would be made good by

Matthew Brown.' Mr Roux said he contacted Mr Nicholas Jones - the director who had lunched with Mr Saunders — and discussed the matter. Mr Jones said Guinness would not lose any Matthew Brown's chairman. Mr Patrick Townsend, would confirm that directly.

Later, Mr Roux spoke to the stockbroker Mr Anthony Par-prepared to take that risk." nes, who would make the purchases on behalf of Guinness. Mr Parnes pointed out that it was almost certain Guinness would lose money on the deal and emphasized the importance of Guinness

being covered for loss. Mr Roux said that Mr that this was likely to be the Townsend confirmed person-shape of the battle." ally that Guinness was covered; and Guinness bought about half a million shares in Matthew Browne, spending some £2.5 million.

Mr Roux agreed that the initial approach had come from Schroders, which Mr Sherrard pointed out was the Government's merchant banker in the privatization of the

In respect of the share names in the City. support scheme said to have been launched during the Distillers battle, Mr Roux said none of Guinness's advisers had made any mention that the tactics might be illegal.

Guinness's advisers suggested that the directors could face a as a legitimate takeover tactic, two-year jail term for breaches of the Companies Act.

among its senior executives:

tants Bain had an inter-

national reputation. Guin-ness's auditors, Price Water-

house, were the biggest in the

world and had a "most pres-

tigious reputation"; and the firm's lawyers Freshfields

were also solicitors to the

Mr Sherrard asked Mr Roux about advice given by Mr Anthony Salz of Freshfields in

which he had considered

whether an agreement by the

Distillers directors to indemnify Guinness for its expenses

in the takeover might be

considered a breach of the

Companies Act regulations

preventing companies giving financial assistance in the

purchase of its shares. Mr

Salz, who was regarded as the

leading mergers and ac-

quisition legal expert in the

City, had recommended that

there were ways of getting round that within the law.

Cazenove had set up a special

arrangement to counteract an

Argyll tactic to reduce the

Guinness share price by dumping shares on the market

"Cazenove had a dealer on

the alert ready to buy shares

when they were dumped. If

this was sabotage out of hours

then there was a resistance

movement out of hours also."

if he knew that, in the middle

of the takeover battle on March 4, 1986, the Stock

Exchange had announced it required companies to have

shareholders' approval for the issue of indemnities in the

Mr Roux said yes. Mr

Sherrard said that the rule was

not made retrospective and

noted that it made a sufficient

impression for Mr Roux for him to include it in his

statement to Department of

Trade and Industry inspec-

tors. Mr Sherrard said that he

understood from Mr Roux's

statement that he regarded the

system of finding supporters in a bid as part of "a banker's

Mr Sherrard: "Two other

Mr Sherrard: "Did you

Mr Roux: "No. Banks don't

think they did it for nothing?"

do anything for nothing. They

have a duty to earn money for

the merchant banks brought

in by Morgan Grenfell bought

shares in Distillers and sold

those shares to Morgan Gren-

fell at cost price which was

the face of it, Guinness was

going to bear the cost of that

and that he was talking about

millions of pounds. Mr

Sherrard asked Mr Roux if

anyone had ever suggested

that the Guinness support

operation should be kept

Mr Sherrard said that, on

above the market price.

Mr Roux agreed that one of

merchant banks were men-

gan Grenfell."

Mr Roux: "Yes."

their shareholders."

armoury". Mr Roux agreed.

support of a takeover bid.

Mr Sherrard asked Mr Roux

Mr Roux also agreed that

Bank of England.

"I learned from Mr Parnes that market tactics were an the Distillers drinks group, it entirely natural and accepted had spent £2.5 million buying practice. Purchasing shares shares in the brewery Matthew was a blocking strategy all to was a blocking strategy all to unsettle share prices."

Mr Parnes also told him that buying one's own shares was done to maintain price levels, as the purchase of shares in the target company was done to increase the number of acceptances.

Mr Roux said Mr Parnes had told him it was a grey area and companies could be reprimanded by the Takeover Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, for Panel if they did not disclose matters the panel thought they should. "But it was wide-spread and therefore of little cause for concern. I understood it to be a common practice in relation to a hostile

"Morgan Grenfell might have to justify it to the Takeover Panel if it was

THE CHARGES

Ernest Saunders, aged 54, of Putney, south-west London, faces two charges of conspiring to contravene the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act; two of authorizing or permitting Guinness to contrarene the Companies Act; eight theft and one of destroying

Gerald Ronson, 50, of Hampstead, north-west London, faces one charge of conspiring to contravene the fraud prevention Act; one of aiding Saunders to permit Guinness to contravene the Companies Act; two of false unting and one of theft.

Anthony Parnes, 44, of London, faces five charges of false accounting and two of

Sir Jack Lyons, 74, of Kensington, west London, faces one charge of conspiring to contravene the fraud prevention Act; one of conspiracy to contravene the Companies Act; one of aiding Saunders to permit Guinness to contravene the Companies

discovered and might be Mr Sherrard asked him: "The question of finding supporters was something that

was understood for all practical purposes from day one." Mr Roux replied: "From before day one. Mr Sherrard: "It was known

Mr Roux: "Yes."

Mr Sherrard asked him if it was Guinness's belief that once it entered the fray, Argyll would indulge in sabotage tactics. Mr Roux replied: "Yes, Guinness knew it must be prepared for Argyll to

become aggressive. Mr Rox agreed that Guinness's advisers were among the only in terms of confidentialbest known and respected

Its brokers Cazenove were regarded as "the royal firm"; share support scheme in the its merchant banker Morgan Grenfell included a former chairman of the Takeover Panel, Mr Graham Walsh,

Change in law 'needed to protect genetic parents'

Improved laws are needed to protect the rights of infertile couples who have babies born to surrogate mothers, MPs and embryo research supporters said yesterday.

law stands they would have to adopt their own children in order to have legal rights towards them.

plained by Mr Derek Forrest, their solicitor, of Preston, Lancashire. He said because a thought of as the person from whose womb the baby issued, the genetic mother appeared to have no legal rights towards her own children.

In the case of his clien who cannot be identified because of a court injunction, the surrogate mother is mak-ing no claims on the children but the parents are reluctant to have to go through the process

The babies, less than a year old, were conceived by in-vitro fertilization because their ge-netic mother has ovaries but no womb. The embryos were implanted in a woman, willing to act as a surrogate, who handed the babies over at

References to arrangements in the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, which is soon to come before the House of Commo considered, two MPs said

Mr Peter Thurnham, Conservative MP for Bolton North-east, and Mr Defydd Caernafon, are leading parliamentary supporters of the clause in the Bill which would allow embryo research to continue to help infertile couples.

Wigley, Plaid Cymra MP for cides to keep the child she has agreed to bear on behalf of her side. But clearly the law

Dr Bolton, an embryologist, with William Shaw, a twin conceived by in-vitro fertilization, lobbying at the Commons vesterday. dispute between the parties

embryologist at King's College Hospital, London, said: "The

should be recognized in law as the natural parents. Mrs Sarah Biggs, vice-chairman of Child, a charity

said: "We are very concerned about cases like this and the rights of infertile couples who llow embryo research to con-should also take into account question of surrogacy has been are going to bring up a child, chairman of Progress, time to help infertile couples. the rights of the genetic par-side-stepped by Parliament so whether it is wholly or partly campaign for research in Mr Thurnham said: "The ents, especially if there is no far and needs to be addressed, theirs, genetically. They human reproduction.

Mrs Biggs and Dr Belton were taking part in a lobby of MPs at Westminster in which the parents of test-tube babies expressed their support for legally controlled embryo research. Dr Bolton is also chairman of Progress, the campaign for research into

Victory for

Burnet in

battle

By Richard Evans

Sir Alastair Burnet has won-

his battle over the future

ownership of ITN, a week

after a boardroom disagree-

ment with independent tele-

vision executives prompted.

His plan to allow outside

investors to buy 51 per cent of.

the television news organ-

ITV's total ownership, has the

firm support of the Prime

Minister and Mr David

Mellor, the Home Office Min-,

ister responsible for broad-

casting, it was authoritatively

Sir Alastair's resignation

and the opposition of ITV

companies has stiffened the

Government's resolve not to

give way over proposals in the

Broadcasting Bill that will reduce ITV's share in ITN to

ITV executives, who form a majority on the ITN board,

last Monday supported a plan submitted to ministers by the

49 per cent from 1993. . .

confirmed yesterday.

his resignation as a director.



ost important in the Bill and this case illustrates the need to Mr Wigley said: "This point tackle it very carefully.

Doctors say hospital cuts will leave suicidal patients at risk on streets

An internationally renowned psychiatric hospital is propos- million in the last two years ing significant cuts in services and the extra £600,000 loss is a realistic. We have now run out for children and adolescents to terminal blow," Dr Martin of all possible economies in save £630.000 next year, it emerged yesterday.

Doctors claimed the cuts at the Maudsley Hospital, south London, would lead to suicidal patients being left on the streets and abused children

health service managers rebut-ted claims by Mr Kenneth which would have to be orders from the Department Lambeth health authority, Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, that service reductions planned in several disgovernment underfunding.

The National Association of Health Authorities will launch another survey today to assess shortfalls across the country and the reasons for them.

The moves coincided with a report by the London Health Emergency group, which says an extra £100 million is needed to reopen beds and avoid further cuts in the London area.

The proposed reductions at the Maudsley, which will be put to the special health authority on March 12, include reducing services at the only 24-hour psychiatric emergency clinic in London. Other services affected in-

secret. Mr Roux said ves. but clude Hilda Lewis House, a ity surrounding the bid. national centre for mentally Mr Sherrard: "You never handicapped children, a ward thought at any time that the for disturbed adolescents, a ward for psychiatrically ill takeover was illegal? Mr Roux: "No, but now I know better." nity care of the mentally ill. The case continues today.

"We have already lost £1:4 service workers," he said. Mr million in the last two years Clarke's comments were "unand the extra £600.000 loss is a realistic. We have now run out through major cuts in services," the report says.

The Government had

Deahl, a senior registrar, said. The Mandsley is now providing second-rate care for reduced. its patients.

being sent back to their Maudsley Hospital special homes.

Maudsley Hospital special health authority, said the authority, said the authority forms. The disclosure came as thority was already facing a gency survey claims that carried forward to next year. He rebutted claims by Mr Clarke that this was not due to

underfunding. "We have persistently been both to the review body

non-clinical areas. Regrettably patient services will have to be

Psychiatric services are also save £3 million. The London Health Emer- find more than £100 million.

of Health to clear underlying deficits will result in shortfalls of £100 million next year. Most districts had built up deficits of between £1 million underfunded for pay awards to £2 million, with some much higher. "Balancing the books

groups and for other health this year can only be achieved Surgeon's NHS protest

A surgeon who resigned from a health authority over NHS cats yesterday boycotted the Prime Minister's visit to open a new block at the hospital where he works (Our Social Services Correpondent writes). Mr Philip Lyndon, a general surgeon at Dewsbury district

hospital, West Yorkshire, said he was not prepared to cancel patient sessions to listen to someone who condoned cuts in one of the country's most deprived districts. "Dewsbury has the worst rate for heart disease and

hypertension and the second worst rate for perinatal mortality," said Mr Lyndon. "Yet Mrs Thatcher and her Government are prepared to let these cuts go ahead. I was not prepared to attend a ceremony where I knew I wouldn't be allowed to speak up." Mr Lyndon, a member of the district management board, said Dewsbury authority, facing a shortfall of over £500,000, had agreed to close 63 beds which would save £500,000 next year.

The community health council claimed cutbacks had been caused by underfunding and said the district had been children and a national dem-onstration centre for commu-early. The district declined to comment but a spokesman for the region denied that beds were closed for financial reasons.

over ITN

underfunded next year's pay award by £13 million in London and underfunding on inflation, estimated at 7.5 per cent, would create a further Mr Eric Byers, district general manager of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the south London, in measures to mated £80 million, the London, the London is the south London in measures to mated £80 million, the London is the london in measures to mated £80 million. £25 million shortfall. Added don regions would have to

Deficits already announced £8,9 million; Riverside district, west London, £6.8 million; Parkside health authority, £4.5 million; Wandsworth, £3 million. Those districts are now discussing swingeing cuts across a variety of services, and in some cases compulsory redundancies. Riverside district is now negotiating with unions over a proposal to withdraw its no compulsory redundancy

agreement. The survey shows that Kingston, which has a £2 million deficit, is planning to close two to three wards; Bromley, £400,000 in debt, proposes cuts in dental and district nursing services and Hounslow, £1.9 million in debt is planning a £1,3 million package of cuts.

• Campaigners opposed to the Government's health service reforms are lobbying MPs this afternoon. Save the NHS, which includes several London-based groups, will also be gathering signatures for a pe-tition outside the Department of Health this morning.

told her he was "a sort of policeman" and befriended her

after her marriage broke up. The couple began an affair.

Mrs Haddon returned to Eng-

land in 1984, setting up home at

Middleton-on-Sea, near Bognor,

West Sussex. In 1985 Castigador

followed her, to get married and obtain UK citizenship. But after moving in he began beating her up and ill-treating their two children.

The couple are now divorced. He

moved to London and went to

Castigador had admitted mur-

der, attempted murder and

Two youths with him on the raid, Calvin Nelson, aged 20, and Paul Clinton, aged 18, both of Burwell Walk, Bow, were convicted of murder and attempted murder Nelson was ordered to be

detained for life in a young

offenders' institution. Clinton was sentenced to detention during Her

Karen Dunn, aged 18, of North-ern Road, east London, and Alli-

son Woodside, aged 21, of Severn

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work at the arcade.

Maiesty's pleasure.

Independent Broadcasting Authority suggesting that the proposed Independent Television Commission should decide on ITN's ownership, with two-thirds of shares being held by ITV. Sir Alastair believes the best-way for ITN to develop in the

1990s is to bring in new capital and commercial ideas with a majority shareholding from outside. It is understood that he suggested the different ownership structure to Mrs Thatcher in the first place. The ITN board insisted that

every television network must own its network news and warned that conflicts could arise if outsiders held the majority of shares.

Now ITV executives on the hoard and Sir David Nicholas, chairman of ITN, face the embarrassing task of untangling themselves from a cause which has no chance of

A senior Government source said yesterday. They got themselves into this hole. Now they will have to dig themselves out of it." Sir Alastair declined to

■ The Government is not planning a campaign against the BBC in the run-up to the next general election, senior ministers insisted yesterday.

A flurry of recent attacks against the corporation and the alleged bias of some of its journalists, led by Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative party chairman, had prompted widespread speculation that Downing Street had implicitly sanctioned such a campaign,

However, senior ministers. yesterday denied the existence of any action planned against the BBC...

One source said: "Norman. Tebbit is fully entitled to say. what he says and some people will agree with him, but there are people who disagree. He was certainly not put up to it by anybody."

Soho 'human torch' murderer is jailed for 25 years met an Englishwoman, Mrs Jacqueline Haddon, who had moved there with her husband, a diver. He

A hit man for the late President Marcos of the Philippines was jailed for life yesterday for the "human torch" murder of two guards at a Soho amusement arrade in the Mart End of London arcade in the West End of London. Mr Justice Rougier, who recom-

mended that Victor Castigador

serve a minimum of 25 years, told him: "I find it almost impossible to understand the workings of a mind as twisted and evil as yours". The Central Criminal Court heard that Castigador, whose Spanish name means "the enforcer", was the ring leader of a gang that

doused the two guards in white spirit and set them alight on April 2 He boasted to detectives of being a member of an official assassina-tion squad and claimed to have murdered "around" 20 people for the Marcos government. The judge said: "Not to put too fine a point on it, he was a hit man for the late President Marcos." Referring to the Soho murder, he told him: You were the man who planned

this and recruited for it and with evil determination saw it through, "You have forfeited the right to walk free for a very long time. Some might say you have forfeited the right to live at all but unlike you, we do not go to that length in this country." The judge said Castigador had condemned his victims to an agonizing death

Castigador, aged 35, a broadly-

built man about 5ft tall, was the ringleader in "murder most foul". the court was told. He planned revenge because of a grudge he bore over lack of advancement at the Leisure Investments amusement arcade in Wardour Street, where he had worked as a security guard.

He decided in advance that staff members would have to die. Armed with an imitation gun, he led the raid on the arcade and ordered Mr Ambikaipahan Apapayan, aged 21. Mr Kandiahkanapathy Vinayagamoorthy, aged 28, the guards; Mr Yurev Gomez, aged 25, the duty manager, and Miss Debbie Alvarez, aged 27, the cashier, into a wire cage in the basement strongroom with their hands tied behind their backs.

He sprinkled them with spirit, secured the door, pushed a paper through the wire, stuffed more under the door and set it alight. Then the gang escaped with £9,000

Despite suffering dreadful burns Mr Gomez and Miss Alvarez survived by breathing air from a keyhole and under a door. They were in court to see the five



Victor Castigador, the ring leader of "murder most foul", and (top pair) Calvin Nelson and Paul Clinton convicted of murder and attempted murder; (above) Karen Dunn and Alison Woodside, guilty of robbery.

court: "There was a ball of fire. Everything went up. My skin was on fire. I could feel myself disintegrate." He now wears a black glove over his left hand, while Miss

sentenced. Mr Gomez told the Alvarez is having her nose rebuilt the Philippines before being reby surgeons at the Queen Mary's Hospital burns unit at Roehampton. Castigador, of Gillender Street, Bow, east military and police duties. London, had worked as a diver in . In the Philippines, Castigador

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cruited at the age of 21 into "the Philippines constabulary", a quasimilitary organization combining

Drive, Upminster, Essex, who had denied all charges, were cleared of murder and attempted murder but found guilty of robbery. Dunn was given three years' youth custody,

DNA test on bones may resolve truth about Nazi doctor

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

British scientists are to examine the remains of the man said to be Dr Josef Mengele, the Nazi mass murderer, in an attempt to resolve once and for all whether they are those of the barbarous concen-

tration camp doctor. Professor Alec Jeffreys, of Leicester University, is to test bones, which have been buried in Embu cemetery, São Paulo, Brazil, using DNA finger-printing, a technique that can match the genetic code of a father with his child.

The scientist, who pioneered DNA finger-printing, admits that the age of the bones, thought to have been buried in 1979, will stretch the technology to its limits.

However, he believes enough genetic material has survived to attempt to prove whether tissue from the bones and from Mengele's first wife match that of his lawyer son,

The tests may help to solve the 40-year-old mystery of the fate of the "Angel of Death" the man responsible for some of the worst atrocities of the Second World War.

In 1944, after the Allied invasion of Normandy, Men-gele escaped to South America from the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he was responsible for the torture and murder of more than 400,000 Jews, many of them children. Mengele managed to dodge his pursuers until 1985 when

Liselotte Bossert, who admitted hiding him.

They showed Brazilian police the grave of a man called Wolfgang Gerhard, which, they claimed, was the alias Mengele had used. The Bossarts claimed he died in a swimming accident in 1979.

In spite of extensive tests on the corpse, including X-ray matches of the skull with the Nazi doctor's dental records, the Israeli Government and the West German Senior Public Prosecutor, Hans-Eberhard Klein, refused to accept the death verdict.

Mr Klein has claimed that the Brazilian scientists, who examined bones, skin and hair of the deceased, established that the blood groups did not match. Yesterday Mr Simon



Professor Jeffreys: To use

tip off from West Germany. Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, traced him to two Austrian aged 81, said from his office in immigrants, Wolfram and Vienna, that he would await the DNA tests with great

After first accepting Men gele's death, Mr Wiesenthal claims new evidence has made him believe the Embu corpse is a fake. His case rests on the bizarre approach by Mengele's stepson, Karl-Heinz Mengele, and his nephew, Hans Sedlmaier, to the former Auschwitz physician, Dr Theo Munch, in 1982.

One of the questions they are said to have asked of Munch was for which of his crimes would Mengele be prosecuted if he turned himself in, despite having apparently died three years earlier. A book by Mr Ben Abra-

ham, a Brazilian journalist, has raised other unresolved questions. A dentist, for examole, is said to have treated Mengele two months after his

"official" death. Professor Jeffreys, who has been called in by the West German Government, would not say when the tests might be completed. If they prove negative then one of the world's greatest manhunts will have to be resumed.

About a hundred twins, victims of Mengele's brutal medical experiments and among the 180 infants found alive by the Allies at Auschwitz, still survive. If Mengele were still alive today he would The art and science of putting bricks together





Emma Dunstone, aged 10, of Harraw, Middlesex, kneeling before a LEGO man in obeisance to brick-fixing ingenuity at the Science Museum in London yesterday. The hostile cat (right) is also built from the Danish company's plastic bricks, which form the focus of "The Art and Science of LEGO" exhibition opening today. Other items on show include a LEGO organ that plays music, a working replica of a large mill engine and a 14ft crane built over 12 weeks.

Japanese museum spends £3m on Rodin casting

A Japanese museum is spend- Doubertin, and then flown to Hell". The price compares with the auction record for the artist of £521,000.

The sculpture, commissioned by the city museum of Vilain, the Rodin Museum's Shizuoka, south-west of chief curator, said. "With this Mount Fuji, has been authorized by the Rodin Museum in Paris. It will be cast in

ing an estimated £3 million on Japan, where it will become a replica of Rodin's bronze the focal point of the city's sculpture, "The Gates of museum of modern art, which is to be opened in 1993.

"We are allowed by French law to make 12 in any casting of bronzes," M Jacques one, there will be six, including one in Tokyo and one at Stanford in California."

Rodin worked on "The pieces by the museum's Rodin worked on "The foundry, La Fonderie de Gates of Hell" throughout his

by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

life, incorporating many figures which have become fam ous in their own right.

The American abstract artist Sam Francis commanded the two top lots at Sotheby's contemporary art sale in New York, with Japanese dealers as of a chain of spattered paint, while another spent £195,035 on "EIV", a grid from similar

A giant, jokey replica of a typewriter eraser by Claes Oldenburg tripled its estimate, selling for £182,033. The sale totalled £9,288,000. With 10 per cent unsold it was in line with expectations.

the buyers. One paid \$385,000 calculated badly on the esti-(£227,541), or double estimate mates for two minor Old for a colourful 1974 painting Master paintings in London mates for two minor Old Master paintings in London vesterday.

"A Prospect of the Bay of Naples", by Antonio Joli, sold for £46,200 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000) to Chaucer Fine Art of London, while a panorama of military conflicts between Venetian and Turkish forces Greece, attributed to Quaristo, fetched £82,500 (esimate £7,000) to the dealers

Barristers' chambers

'Practice managers' to replace clerks

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A set of barristers' chambers or insurance. Strong intellecin the Temple is advertising tually, and a first-class man for a "senior practice man-ager" at an annual salary of sound basic knowledge of £50,000 to take over the job legal, financial and computer which traditionally was filled by the barrister's clerk.

The "newly created" post is most prestigious barristers'

Instead of the old-style position of clerk, often filled through a network of personal contacts, chambers are going outside for qualified professional administrators and are becoming more demanding in the range of skills they

Mr Peter Cresswell, QC, the Bar chairman, said yesterday: "The clerking system needs to be restructured to provide arrangements tailored to the 1990s. Many chambers are adopting new structures and, in particular, separating the function of practice manager and administrator."

The new post of practice manager is likely to be increasingly adopted as chambers reorganize themselves along modern business lines.

The post being advertised seeks applications from individuals working either in the legal field or "as a senior week that it has been granted a administrator in the pro-licence to open an East Berlin fessions, the City, commerce office.

legal, financial and computer

Mr Peter Adderley, managing director of Hoggett Bowsaid to be within "one of the ers, the recruitment agency that placed the advertisement chambers", where the success- in The Times, said chambers ful applicant would take over-all responsibility for the ticated, that like "any other clerking and administration of service industry they need to DE FUD

It was necessary to pay such a salary if chambers were to attract the top-class management material they needed.

The forthcoming report on the strategy of the Bar is expected to contain proposals for improving the organization of chambers. The earnings of barristers'

clerks are a secret. But as many are still on an element of commission, earnings fluc-tuate with those of their barristers. A few clerks in top chambers would earn more than £50,000. Many earn less. ● A second big City firm of solicitors has set up in East Berlin. Baker and Mackenzie

announced yesterday it was opening offices in both East and West Berlin. Frere Cholmeley, another London firm with European links, announced earlier this



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Call to ban coursing

Conservative and Labour MPs yesterday united to launch a cross-party parliamentary campaign to get hare coursing banned. They pledged to press the Government to allow time for a debate and free vote.

At the same time the League Against Cruel Sports published the results of an opinion poll of MPs which showed that 217 of 255 MPs - 85 per cent - were opposed to the sport in which pairs of greyhounds pursue hares. The sport was supported by only eight Tory MPs.

hampton, appeared in court yesterday accused of a £1

million water shares fraud. He was remanded on bail until Pay boost

The Royal Mail is to give more than 5,500 postal workers pay supplements of £10 a week as part of a campaign to keep staff. The £25 million scheme will cover areas mainly outside the South-east.

Canal clean-up An 18th-century canal basin at Chester which has been hidden for decades has been revealed during a clean-up operation along the Shrop-shire Union Canal.

Cartoon show Russian cartoons tracing glasnost and perestroika are to go on show in England for the first time. The cartoons from the magazine Krokodil can be seen at the University of Kent, Canterbury, from March 13 to April 11.

Fraud charge Libel damages Malik Larbe, aged 18, a The television presenter Rob-trainee baker of Wolver- ert Kilroy-Silk won "substan-

tial" libel damages against UK Press Gazette in the High Court yesterday over allega-tions that his newspaper col-umn had to be "ghosted". Prison escape

Police were yesterday searching for Simon Cribb, aged 26, of Birmingham, who escaped from Sudbury Open Prison, Derbyshire, within an hour of

Struck off Graeme Holland, aged 37, an optician of Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, who sexually spite of being treated with a powerful drug to reduce his sex drive, has been struck off

the register by the General Optical Council. Back to school

After two years of negotiations the first group of 20 senior Russian begin a three-week management course at Manchester Business School next week.

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unilateral ceasefire in war with Contras

ally ordered an immediate ceasefire in the war against the our fatherland." Contras, while Señora Violeta Chamorro, the country's President-elect, tried in her turn to persuade the rebels to lay

President Ortega has made it a condition for the orderly transfer of power to Señora Chamorro's American-backed National Opposition Union (UNO) that the Contras

should stop fighting.
On the ceasefire, a statement issued by Senor Ortega's office said: "The President of the republic has decided to order from today a unilateral halt to offensive military operations with the aim that the counter-revolutionary forces demobilize immediately."

The re-establishment of a unilateral ceasefire - the previous truce was cancelled by Senor Ortega on November 1
— meets a demand by the Bush Administration which on Tuesday said that a ceasefire was a first step to disbandment of the Contras.

Earlier yesterday Señor Or-tega promised to "defend" Nicaragua's armed forces, which, he said, now owed first loyalty to the Sandinistas, and to work to prevent UNO, which is made up of businessmen and tiny political parties, from dismantling the reforms imposed on the country during 10 years of revolution.

These remarks provoked some dismay among diplomats and foreign statesmen, including Mr Jimmy Carter, the former US President, who have been trying to mediate as smooth as possible a handover from the Sandinistas to the coalition.

The Government also asked on the US to stop supporting the rebels, who have waged an eight-year war against it, and demanded that the Honduran Government immediately dismantle rebel bases on its

In her broadcast call to the Contras to end the war, Senora Chamorro said: "The causes of the civil war in Nicaragua have disappeared. There is no reason for more war. Therefore, those who took up arms must now put

Nicaragua's Sandinista Gov- down their guns and return in the new administration. erument yesterday unilater- peacefully to Nicaragua to work for the reconstruction of

> The rebels, who number some 10,000, must respect the terms of the Central American peace accord, she said. This requires the immediate dissolution of the Contras after free elections in Nicaragua. US "humanitarian" aid to the Contras ends this week, but the White House said money in "the pipeline" would con-tinue to flow for some time.

The Contras, some 3,000 of whom are still fighting inside Nicaragua, have said they will wait before the formal hand-

Rebels stay on

Tegucigalpa (AP) - The Nica-raguan contras are refusing to disband immediately, saying they will wait until the newly elected Government takes office. President Callejas of Honduras has said the rebels must leave his country as soon as possible. But Mr Israel as possible. But Mr israel Galeano, the semior leader among the estimated 10,000 rebels in camps in Honduras, said they did not trust the Sandinistas, and would stay on for the time being.

over of power on April 25 before taking a decision on disbanding.

Señor Israel Galeano, the new young leader of the rebels, said from Honduras: "We are waiting to see if the second step is positive - the transition to a new government"

On Tuesday the White House shifted its position on the issue, at first urging the Contras to call off their campaign, then saying it was a matter for the rebels themselves to decide.

As a force created largely by the CIA and financed by the Americans for eight years, the Contras have come to repreent for the Sandinistas all that is worst in US policy towards their country. Between 30,000 and 40,000 Nicaraguans have been killed in the fighting.

Several figures from the expected to hold leading posts Among them are Senor Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, the President-elect's son, and Señor Alfredo Cesar, one of the most

able and ambitious of her

On Tuesday Señor Ortega told about 10,000 supporters that the Sandinista Front "demands the immediate demobilization ... of the counter-revolution so that there can be a peaceful and orderly transition of

"We were born down below, and we are used to fighting from below," he said, promising his uncompromising op-position to Senora Chamorro's coalition, adding: "With the Nicaraguan people, the Sandinista Front will continue to govern from below.'

He predicted that the Sandinistas soon would return to office and promised to oppose any sacking of state workers or the privatization of the state-owned banking system and government-con-trolled foreign trade.

Many diplomats here believe the Sandinistas will try to wield continuing power through their control of the armed forces and Interior Ministry police and security troops, all of whom owe their first allegiance to the San-

Certainly, with their control of the trade unions and their members in virtually all senior posts in the civil aervice, the Sandinistas could wreak havoc on the efforts of the new

 Delay alleged: Vice-President-elect Virgilio Godoy yesterday accused electoral officials of trying to rob UNO of votes to reduce the coalition's power in the National Assembly (AFP reports).

He accused the Supreme Electoral Council of delaying release of the final 20 per cent of results so that it could narrow the difference between votes for UNO and votes for the Sandinistas.

Regional officials of the electoral council were altering electoral records to annul the Contra political leadership are UNO votes, Señor Godoy told

Sandinistas declare Drought-hit Eritreans wait for British aid



Villagers waiting for their mosthly ration of grain at the Faith Mission Church, supported by the British relief and development agency, Tear Fund, at the Eritrean town of Nefasit. Ethiopia, now facing

drought as bad as during the devastating famine in 1984-1985, said yesterday that it ese new routes to tegic port of Masawa, which

reports). But it warned inter-national aid donors that it would oppose aid being taken move food aid to northern via Sudan to several million provinces, bypassing the stra-drought victims in rebel-held areas of Eritrea and neigh-

Yilma Kassaye, the head of Ethiopia's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, said the port of Asab, further south on

media. It is a matter to be

dealt with directly with Mrs

A communiqué released af-

ter a summit meeting of Afri-can "frontline" states held in

Lusaka earlier yesterday called

for intensified sanctions, and

said the heads of state "regret-

Thatcher herself."

take it by road to Eritrea, Tigray, Wollo and Gondar provinces. The use of Asab has

Lusaka meeting calls for sanctions to go on

From Gavin Bell Lusaka

Commonwealth leaders conferring with Mr Nelson Mandela in Zambia have insisted that sanctions be maintained against South Africa until anartheid is effectively buried.

They said further steps were required before sanctions were lifted. Hostility towards Britain's stand on easing sanctions was apparent at a press con-ference held after the discussions between four African Commonwealth presidents and senior ministers from Canada and Malaysia.

President Kaunda of Zambia said: "We are all agreed hope there will be no dissenting voices. Our appeal is that all of us should follow our own instructions to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in this regard."

President Kaunda said there should be no question of withdrawing sanctions before the Secretary-General reported back to the General Assembly on July 30.

Mr Shridath Ramphal. outgoing Commonwealth Secretary-General, said Pretoria would have to abandon its concept of "group rights", accept the principle of universal suffrage and repeal basic apartheid legislation. "What that sanctions must go on. We the Commonwealth has said is

that Pretoria should be dealt with through the mass brought to the negotiating table, and kept there until fundamental political change "There are several touch-

stones, but clearly change is not irreversible so long as Pretoria is talking about group rights as part of a solution." Mr Ramphal said another requirement would be the repeal of the Population

Registration Act, under which people are classified according to race. Mr Mandela declined to express an opinion on Mrs ian Liberation Organization, Thatcher's policies. "What we halfway prompted a question

national and state politics

There are serious doubts

about Mr Gandhi's chances of

survival as influential mem-

bers of Congress (I) cast about

for new and more promising

political opportunities. Poli-

tics in India has nothing to do

with ideology or party loyalty;

the name of the game is

opportunism, and new align-

ments are always possible.

There is a real danger that the

has made no secret of its hope

of forming a centrist alliance

with disenchanted Congress

(I) party members, although

defections by MPs are con-

trolled by law. Mr Singh will certainly be uncomfortable

with an even stronger BJP

Sikh shot: Police officers have

shot dead a prominent Sikh

separatist leader accused of

dozens of murders in the

troubled northern Indian state

of Punjab (AFP reports from

Davinder Singh of the Sikh

fundamentalist Bhindrawale

Tiger Force of Khalistan

(BTFK) died late on Tuesday

when police stormed a strong-

hold in Amritsar's Khyala

village. Violence linked to the Sikh

campaign for a homeland called Khalistan has left more

than 200 people dead this year

Delhi).

in Puniab.

breathing down his neck.

The Janata Dal leadership

party will split.

since independence.

ted the United Kingdom's intention to unilaterally lift sanctions on individual investments and tourist traffic to South Africa". Arafat, leader of the Palestin-

African Jewish community. "If the truth alienates the

powerful Jewish community in South Africa, that is too bad," Mr Mandela said. "I sincerely believe that there are many similarities between our struggle and that of the Palestine Liberation Organization. We live under a unique form of colonialism in South Africa, as well as in Israel."

During the conference, Dr Kaunda elevated Mr Mandela The arrival of Mr Yassir to the rank of uncrowned king with an effusive tribute: "We are merely your generals in the field. We have blind faith in you, all of us are waiting for

Shamir faces party

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli sent. Commentators saw this Prime Minister, yesterday faced a growing revolt in his Likud Party as many of those who had previously supported him began to side with rightwing figures adamantly oped to US-sponsored proposals for peace talks with the

Of the 41 Liked members of the Knesset, 23 have signed a letter calling on Mr Shamir to see them before the Inner Cab-

Jerusalem (AFP) - A British tourist was stabbed and seriously wounded yesterday in the West Bank town of Hebron, an Israeli military source said. The area is in the grip of a general strike to protest at the decision to prolong the closure of ian universities. The elderly tourist, who was not named, was stabled in the back and abdomen by unknown assailants.

inet meets at the weekend to decide Israel's final response to the American proposals for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Some of the Likud rebels threatened Mr Shamir with court action if he did not agree to meet them, and Mr Ariel Sharon, the flamboyant former general who resigned from the Cabinet recently to lead the anti-Shamir campaign, said he would convene the Likud central committee (of which he is chairman) with or without Mr Shamir's con-

as a clear sign of rebellion. Sources in the Cabinet said that if Mr Shamir gave in to his Likud critics and rejected the US proposals on the composition of a Palestinian delegation, Labour would carry out its threat to withdraw from the Government and instead form a coalition with minority parties.

If Mr Shamir accepted the proposals, however, the Likud revolt would bring him down, with Mr Sharon challenging him for the leadership. The consensus here is that Mr Shamir's renowned ability to get out of even the most impossible situations is facing its severest test since the Likud-Labour coalition was formed in December, 1988. At issue is the American

proposal that the Palestinian delegation to talks with Israel should include at least one Palestinian deported from the occupied territories - provided that he has not subsequently engaged in terrorist activities — and at least one resident of the occupied West Bank who also has an address in east Jerusalem. The Palestinian team would be announced by Egypt, which has consulted the Palestine Liberation Organization. • Murder confirmed: The Isracli Army confirmed reports of the murder of an Arab, aged

42, an alleged "collaborator",

by a mob in the West Bank

village of Beit Furik.

Indian state elections

revolt over talks | Gandhi party reels from attack | Opposition strike

ahead as results from Indian state elections poured in yesterday, spelling severe new trouble for Mr Rajiv Gandhi and his battered Congress (I)

The results reinforced northern India's growing enchantment with the rightwing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — an old, small-time party that has been born anew as traditional political alignments crumble.

The BJP already holds the survival of the Delhi Government in its hands because of its powerful position in Parliament. Now it also boasts formidable strength in state political machinery, raising grave questions about the prospect for moderate, nonsecular politics.

The party seized control of the buge central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh in a landslide. It performed well in the big western state of Rajasthan, although it was not clear whether any single party would get an absolute majority. Counting will take place today in Maharashtra, an economically pivotal state with Bombay as its capital and there, too, all signs pointed to a surge of

fundamentalism. Vote-counting was slow and chaotic in the densely-populated state of Bihar, where at least 80 people died on polling day in some of the worst electoral violence since in-

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi Hindu fundamentalists surged dependence. Early returns port from the BJP and the humiliation for the party that suggested that the BJP was performing well there, too. In large measure elections and Orissa - hardly a perfor-n Bihar have become a farce, mance that will instil conin Bihar have become a farce. run, essentially, by thugs who march unhindered into polling stations and intimidate

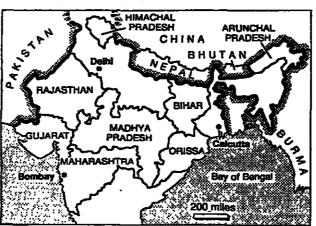
voters, cast bogus votes or simply walk off with ballot boxes. Re-polling was ordered in several places. Janata Dal, the party of Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the Prime Minister, was struggling to hold its own against the BJP tide as eight states and one

union territory went to the polls, most of them in the porth and the west. Mr Singh desperately needed to achieve a reasonable performance to reinforce it to a party of the south, his authority over the central

communists. The party established early leads in Gujarat fidence in the fragile, minority government, which is increasingly dominated and overshadowed by the BJP.

Hindu fundamentalism has arrived. The BJP is a wellstructured, united and organized party that embraces moderate Hindus as well as hardline fundamentalists whose extremism threatens to add a chilling dimension to mainstream politics.

The Congress (I) party is now in crisis. It was routed in northern India in the November general election, reducing where it has not traditionally government, which his party been strong. The state election beads with parliamentary sup- results are another severe



grips Bangladesh has been the towering force in

have discussed about Mrs to Mr Mandela as to whether

Thatcher cannot properly be the cordial relations between

general strike called by the largest opposition party (Ahmed Fazl writes). At least 65 people were injured during clashes between police and pickets in Dhalca's Tejgaon suburb. Witnesses said strikers stoned government buses and threw home-made bombs. Police sources said 23 people were arrested for picketing Paramilitary forces patrolled the deserted streets after transport stopped, shopsshut and banks and factories closed.

WORLD ROUNDUP

The strike was called by the Awami League and several student groups to protest over the killing of a pro-league student leader on Sunday at Dhaka University. Sheikha Hasina Wazed, president of the Awami League, has accused government loyalists and the rival opposition group, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, of the murder.

Hanoi asks for time

Vietnam has said it needs more time to consider British proposals on mandatory repatriation of boat people in Hong Kong (Andrew McEwen writes). When Mr Francis Mande, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, held talks in Hanoi last week, he reached agreement to increase the number of voluntary flights, but failed to persuade Vietnam to allow Britain and Hong Kong to send others back against their will. However, the Foreign Office said it was hoped to reach agreement with Vietnam on "alternatives to voluntary repatriation" by the end of the month. This has not happened. Diplomats from the British embassy in Hanoi have held a further meeting with Vietnamese officials since Mr Maude's departure, but made little progress.

Peking press protest

Peking - Foreign journalists in Peking protested to China's Foreign Ministry yesterday of harassment by the secret police (Catherine Sampson writes). A letter from the Foreign Correspondents' Club said journalists were followed in the streets of Peking and their Chinese contacts interrogated. Surveillance had become pronounced in the past two weeks.

Journalists complained of "interference" by government agencies and departments. Correspondents here live in compounds and believe their telephones and apartments are bugged. Chinese contacts are subject to harassment from employers. Vague restrictions apply under which journalists may not "endanger China's national security, unity or community and public interests" or "fabricate rumours".

200 arrested in Nepal

Kathmandu (AFP) -- Police yeterday arrested more than 200 students and fired tear gas to disperse about 500 protesters in Lalitpur, 10 miles south of Kathmandu, a student source said. Hundreds of riot police were deployed in the tourist town to try to prevent the students holding a public meeting to protest against Nepal's non-party political system. The students marched from nearby Shiphal and were heading for the centre of Lalitpur when they were stopped by the batonwielding police. Witnesses said two students carrying banned party banners were badly beaten by police.

Falkland flight delay

Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands — As an example of rapid deployment to the South Atlantic — which British troops in time of crisis would be expected to reach in 18 hours - the journey by Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence, was not a conspicuous success (Michael Evans writes). He arrived at Mount Pleasant airport on the Falkland Islands yesterday at the end of a 36-hour journey which included two visits to Ascension island, one of them unscheduled. Mr King's first experience of the "air bridge" between RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire and Mount Pleasant was disrupted by high wind on the ground. Just two hours from its destination his TriStar turned round and headed back to Ascension which it had left five hours earlier.

High flyers urge tough Big Apple to try tender touch more civil in the street, it carries me is that I'm not more offended. It

From James Bone New York

A new non-profit organization in New York has embarked on a task that makes teaching ballet to baboons look simple. Calling themselves New York

Pride, a group of high-powered executives plans to school New Yorkers - renowned for their talent for abuse — in civility.

An advertising campaign featur-ing the spectrum of New York scowls, from the taxi driver's frown to the grimace of the claustrophobic subway commuter, will exhort the stressed city dweller to "ease up".

Television spots are accompanied by a hymn to civic pride, "Try a Little Tenderness". Newspaper advertisements implore: "Now that Bucharest, Budapest, Berlin and Prague are acting more civil, let's

work on New York." Mr Herbert Rickman, president of the new group, said: "There is no down in this city,

"When you look at exit surveys and people are asked, 'Why don't you want to come back?" one of the reasons is the rudeness and the mean-spiritedness," he said.

This being New York, however, the campaign is not without irony. Mr Rickman, who was an aide to Mr Ed Koch, the city's former "Mayor Mouth", is himself known for a typically New York response to ning in the celebrated Bess Mverson divorce case in 1988.

Under cross-examination, he shouted "disgusting lie", prompting the judge to tell him: "Don't be a baby. Stop it."

Many of those involved in the \$250,000 (£159,000) campaign have, however, been on the receiving end of New York's legendary incivility.

The celebrities and wheeler-dealers, who assembled for the launch of

New York Pride in the Rainbow Room atop the Rockefeller Centre in central Manhattan, swapped New York horror stories, recounting how

• If we are kinder and more civil to each other in the street, it carries over into the bedroom 9

their teenage daughters were jostled in the subway or how they were cursed by irate taxi drivers.

Mr Ron Buckhardt, who helped prepare the advertisements, said he was mussed at gun-point as he left a Manhatian restaurant recently.

There were words of encouragement, however, from Dr Ruth Westheimer, television's sex guru, who said: "If we are kinder and

over into the bedroom. One theory prevalent in the metropolis is that New Yorkers have been getting increasingly po-

lite. Not as a result of goodwill,

heaven forbid, but rather because of Growing danger on the city's mean streets has made vocal city dwellers reluctant to speak up in case they land themselves in greater

A poll of subway riders last April found that 48 per cent of New Yorkers simply stay at home at night to avoid trouble. When they do run into problems, New Yorkers are now advised simply to give in. Mr Richard Learner, a student, recently lamented in The New York

Times' editorial pages that a mugging was now more like a simple business transaction. After recounting how he was mugged in the subway, he wrote: "What disturbs seems so acceptable: I wasn't seriously hurt and I'm out only by \$18. There's a risk to living in this city, a price, like rent." New Yorkers often joke that being

mugged by a crazed homeless crackhead is the city's equivalent of That is likely to remain the image of New York for some time to come, however much advertising men and

dignitaries try to change it. Milos Forman, the film director recounted how he had escorted his old friend, President Havel, the Czech playwight turned politician. for a night on the town last week. He told Mr Havel's Secret Service

guards that they wanted to see the night-life of Greenwich Village. "We don't recommend you go downtown," the agent said. "Why?"

"The President could get into the

cross-fire there."

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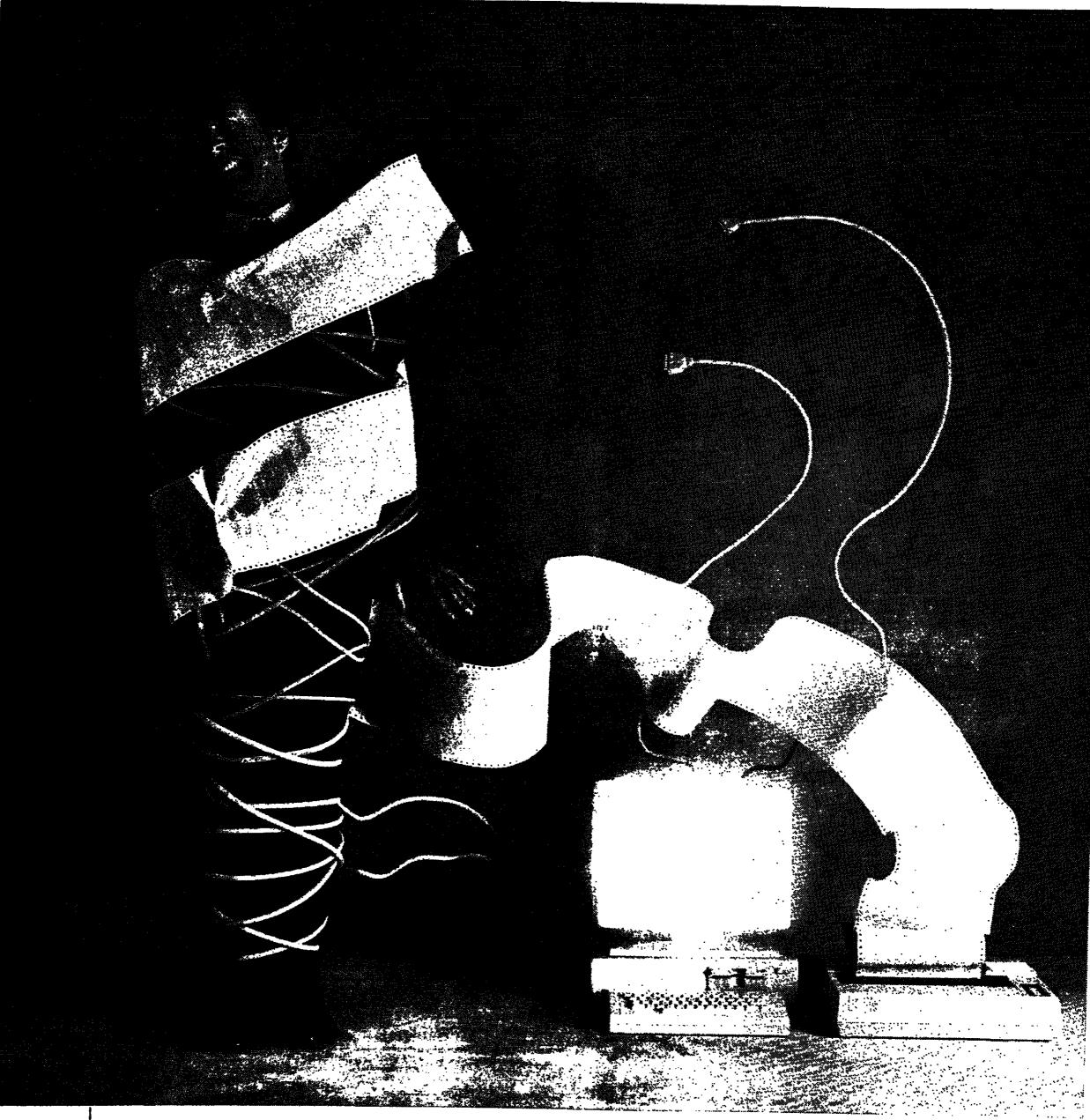
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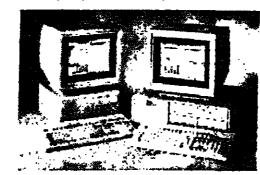
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How the allies wrangled over the German sp

The reluctance of Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, to discuss the future of the German-Polish frontiers is not without precedent - the Americans and British were reluctant to accept the transfer of the Oder-Neisse frontier to Poland in 1945 but were eventually forced to yield to the accomplished fact. according to the latest volume of Documents on British Policy Overseas, published today.

The victorious allies - the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain had no plans in 1945 to divide conquered Germany into two countries. At the Potsdam Conference in the summer, the three powers agreed on the creation of an Allied Control Council in Berlin of the four Commanders-in-Chief of the occupying forces (France was given a zone of occupation in May) who were to act jointly "in matters affecting Germany as a whole".

The division of the country into four zones was based on military considerations and was never intended to be permanent. Germany, although it was to be disarmed and demilitarized, was to be treated by the victors as an economic unit. In their separate zones, the allies

were to encourage the formation of non-Nazi political parties who would be allowed to contest elections at the local and regional level as an initial step towards the eventual creation of a democratic Germany. The British feared that "to turn Germans into democrats is not going to be an easy task". In any case, it was rendered almost impossible by the chaos which prevailed in Germany after

To turn Germans into democrats is not going to be an easy task. 9

the war, with shattered towns and cities. widespread homelessness, hordes of refugees and displaced persons, an economy which had completely collarsed, and with the prospect of severe malnutrition and starvation during the coming winter.

One Red Army officer said: "Those Germans in the Soviet zone who did not die of cold next winter would die of starvation next spring, so why worry?". It was not a solution which appealed to the British: as Sir William Strang, the political adviser to the British Com-mander-in-Chief, Field-Marshal Montgomery, put it in August: "By assuming supreme authority in Germany we have undertaken certain responsibilities in the face of the world, and in the exercise of those responsibilities we cannot escape from our own traditions, national character and ways of life." Neither Britain nor the US had envisaged that Germany would lose substantial territories after its defeat, but the Soviet Union insisted that Germany should tranfsr all its former territory east of the Oder-Neisse line to Poland and the

Soviet Union. This area contained 25

per cent of its agriculture.

Nor had it been intended that the Soviet Union should ransack its eastern zone and cart off what industrial equipment it could lay her hands on. The result was that Germany's post-war condition was even more parlous than had been anticipated: no food for the densely population Ruhr would be available from crippled East Germany. British officials warned London of the likely consequences. "A pauperized Germany will be a source not only of economic but of political instability" while Britain and the US would find themselves paying for reparations to the

Soviet Union by being forced to make up the ensuing deficit in food and other consumer goods. The Foreign Office concluded in September that "the Germans are now paying in the most dreadful way for their misdeeds over the past 10 years and more. It is very doubtful if any remedy is possible".

Despite British efforts to make the four-power control machinery in Berlin work, they found the Russians extremely trying. The chief impediment to a future reunified Germany in 1945 was not, however, the Soviet Union, but France. The French demanded the sundering of the Rhineland from Germany and its permanent occupation by allied troops and the internationalization of the Ruhr. Moreover, Paris rejected allied plans to set up centralized German administrative departments in Berlin.

Montgomery came to the conclusion that four-power control of Germany had become unworkable. He informed the British Prime Minister, Clement Attlee on October 3 that the Americans "had now tabled a motion that when unanimous agreement in the Council was not possible, each zone could act as it thought best. This was the first rift." He asked whether "Britain really wanted a unified Germany" - not, however, security that this might pose but because "if Germany is reunified, the British Zone would have to supply the desert in the Russian Zone".

His preferred solution, probably a result of his frustration with the endless arguments in the Control Council, was for the French, Belgians and Dutch to advance their frontiers to the Rhine and

• If Germany is treated as one whole it will solve many other problems

for the internationalization of the Ruhr, which would enable Britain to withdraw its occupation forces from Germany. A fortnight later, Montgomery changed his mind - the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, reported that the Field-Marshal had told him that "if Germany is treated as one whole ... it will solve many other problems ...
unification will open up that part of Europe which is now being closed to the allies and he believes that it would make the political situation easier". However,

wondered whether this solution was any better than Montgomery's first one— Harvey doubted that the creation of central administrative organs would enable the West to penetrate the Soviet Union, while "it is equally certain that the Soviet Government will use this opportunity to penetrate ours and fairly

successfully".

Many of the suspicions that were voiced in France and elsewhere about the dangers of a reunified Germany have recently re-surfaced in Western Europe. Technically, the West retains the right to deal with the question of a reunified Germany but in practice there seems little it can do about it. In 1945, Britain was still a great power and could exert considerable infinence. By 1990, that influence has almost disappeared.

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Lithuanians hasten election amid fear of ban on independence

Supreme Soviet approves Bill

on the private use of land

Moscow (AP) - The Supreme Soviet economic reform". All had been revised to accom-

land was nationalized in 1917.

ing on collective or state farms

to acquire plots and turn them

into their own hereditary

property, the Kremlin hopes

The Supreme Soviet first voted separately on each chap-

ter of the 52-article measure.

then approved the entire Bill

abstentions. Yesterday's four-

hour session was the third

Dr Aleksandr Nikonov, the

president of the Soviet Agri-

to raise farm productivity.

By allowing peasants work-

Lithuanian nationalists are to with force. Deputies from people were killed the week rush through the second Lithuania and the other Baltic before the polis in clashes with rush through the second Lithuania and the other Baltic round of last Sunday's Repubrepublics refused to take part lican parliamentary elections, in the debate over the presi-spurred on by fears that Mr dency or to vote. Latvia and Gorbachov, when confirmed Estonia, after their elections as executive Soviet president, later this month, are also expected to move towards plans to use his tough new powers to halt their moindependence, with the repubtowards lic of Soviet Georgia a fourth likely contender.

yet convene the necessary two-thirds quorum to instal after Sunday's second round the new Supreme Soviet. of voting. The remaining dep-There was no clear result in 41 uties could take their seats of the 151 seats and 20 of these after March 10. will vote again on Sunday, a week earlier than scheduled.

Moscow, Mr Gorbachov looks democratic programme, certain to be confirmed as whereby a real selection of president by the entire Con- candidates can be nominated, gress of Peoples Deputies on not simply suitable Com-March 12. He will have sweep-ing powers of control, includ-But of the six election

necessary, he could back up the latter nearly two dozen permit.

of their farms by Stalin in the

1930s, would allow citizens to

acquire land and bequeath it to their children.

The law would, however, stop short of legalizing full private property ownership by forbidding land sales. Under

the new law, plots could only

be leased and prices would be

force of law to the economic

and social reforms cham-

set by the state.

the police. No formal results have been

announced yet in the sixth, Moldavia, but the Popular Front spokesman, Mr Gyorgy Ghimpu, said their candidates had won 55 per cent of the votes cast. However, with no clear results in 237 of the 380 Although its candidates Mr Algis Chekuolis, a seats, there will have to be swept the board in the seats Sajudis deputy, said yesterday extensive revoting. This is resolved so far, the Sajudis that the new Lithuanian parnational movement cannot liament would meet in Vil-March 10. nius, the capital, a few days • MOSCOW:

Grigoryants, an independent Soviet journalist said yesterday he was barred by authorities from attending a Unesco agency conference in All 15 Soviet republics are holding parliamentary and Paris discussing assistance for After Tuesday night's vote local government elections non-government media in the Supreme Soviet in under Mr Gorbachov's new Eastern Europe (AP reports). "This shows what they

really think here of the freedom of the press, of the freedom of human contacts," Mr Grigoryants said.

But of the six elections held MrGrigoryants, the pubing the ability to declare a state so far only Lithuania has yet lisher of the independent hupublished its results. There's man rights bulletin Glasnost Sajudis leaders are now been virtually no word from and a former political priswill be able to apply a personal Turkmenistan, Kirgizia, confiscated when he tried to veto if he so chooses, which, if Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. In have it stamped with an exit

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Hurd salutes Hungary's courage



Mr Douglas Hurd, the British Foreign Secretary, preparing to lay a wreath in Heroes Square in Budapest yesterday.

Visit to feel pulse of reforms

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, tested the political waters in Hungary yesterday by talking to the likely winners and losers in the elections scheduled for later this month.

when 150 proposals and criti-He also met students at the Budapest School of Econom-The Bill says that land is the ics which, in a symbolic sign property of the people living of the times, only the day on a given territory and that before had had its name changed by the Hungarian every citizens has the right to a Parliament from Karl Marx The Soviet Constitution University. The Government faces a similar sort of meta-

by 349 votes to seven, with 12 says that "the land, its minerals, waters and forests are morphosis in the forthcoming the exclusive property of the general election. state". The Congress of Peo-After having discussions ple's Deputies, the parent with Mr Matyas Szuros, the acting President, Mr Miklos Nemeth, the Prime Minister, body of the Supreme Soviet, will be asked to change the Constitution to accommodate and Mr Gyula Horn, the the Bill when it meets on Foreign Minister - all of major legal document of 40 per cent of the original draft Monday week. whom are members of the Socialist Party - Mr Hurd

From Michael Knipe, Badapest Eastern Europe to observe the Hungary that British business-

men have not responded as democratic processes being rapidly to the political and

instituted. He said on arrival in Budapest on Tuesday evening that he wanted to see the election campaign for himself and to listen to various strands of Hungarian opinion. He also wanted to show Britain's "keen, close interest and en-

ing \$300 million (£176 milion) worth of foreign investment, Britain is involved in only 48, couragement" as Hungary while West Germ reached "the threshold of participating in 450. while West Germany is

The Hungarian Govern-There is disappointment in ment is hoping that Mr Hurd's

economic reforms being in-

troduced as their Continental.

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that have been set up involv-

Hungary's gift to child

at the Peto Institute in Budapest, Hungary, yesterday demonstrated her new-found walking ability to Mrs Judy Hurd, wife of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary (Michael

Danielle Bowen Slark, aged 12, arrived in Budapest in January after a two-year wait and learned to walk as a result of daily five-hour sessions at the renowned institute for the treatment of cerebral palsy and spina bifida victims. Her treatment costs of £14 a day are being funded by locals at the Rose and Crown village pub in Orpington, Kent.

There are about 100 British children among the 1,864 from 39 countries receiving treatment at the institute. The British Government is contributing £5 million and promising another £5 million from private sources for a new clinic.

visit will encourage the British business community to investigate the commercial ornspects being opened up by the

"British investors are overcautious," said Dr Jozsef Gyorke, the Hungarian Ambassador to Britain, who is accompanying Mr Hurd. "We have no problem getting loans from Japan, but we would like to see more British involvement in our economic development.

At hinch with Mr Horn, Mr Hurd said Hungary's "coura-geous and humanitarian" decision to open the borders to East German refugees in September might be remembered in time as a turning point in the fortunes of Eastern Europe. Hungarian reforms had been an example for others to emulate.

The warmth of relations between Britain and Hungary would be highlighted, he said by the visit to Hungary next month by the Prince and Princess of Wales — the first by the royal couple to a

Voting rules set down for Czechs

Prague (AP) — The Czech Parliament has laid down ground rules for the country's first free elections after more than four decades of communist rule.

The new law calls for elections based on proportional representation in 12 districts. A party will have to gather 10,000 signatures or prove it has that many members to run. A minimum of 5 per cent of the national vote is required to gain the first mandate.

On the recommendation of President Havel, the new Parliament will be elected for a shortened term of two years.

Hungarian police are fed up with being left behind by criminals in their smart Western cars and want to get rid of their 3,500 dated Soviet Ladas. Colonel Lorine Laposi, the deputy police chief, said modernization was desperately needed to combat well-equipped criminals.

"I am sure democracy will prevail in this country, but let's doublecheck it in two years just to be sure," Mr Havel said, speaking to tens of thousands of supporters on

Despite objections by legislators fearful that smaller parties would be handicapped by the 5 per cent hurdle, the draft law was adopted by 286 votes to six, with seven

Earlier, Mr Marian Calfa, the Prime Minister, told the legislature the economy lagged five to 15 years behind advanced nations due to monopolistic communist rule that had stifled creativity.

Mr Calfa called for energetic measures to stimulate the economy - introducing mar-ket mechanisms, curbing inflation and privatizing property.

Laws allowing private enterprise and land ownership will be introduced before elections due in June. However, Mr Calfa cautioned that privatization should be "cautious and gradual".

He added: The GNP growth is estimated at 1.7 per cent in 1989, but considering the hidden price increases, it is difficult to say whether there is any growth at all," he said.

With inflation at 2.5 to 3.5 per cent and a foreign debt of £4.4 billion at the end of 1989, the economy is in far better shape than those of some of its neighbours, such as Poland and Hungary.

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Genscher bangs drum for Erfurt Liberals Trying to leave the square, Herr Genscher found himself East Berlin (Reuter) -- Mr

From Anne McElvoy, Erfurt, East Germany Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the right. The headquarters of the Erfurt Liberals is a gloomy

the West German Foreign Minister, joined the political caravan to the East yesterday to wake the Liberals of Thuringia from their 40-year With visits from Herr

visited the headquarters of the

election front runners: the centre-right Hungarian

Democratic Forum and the

liberal Alliance of Free Demo-

The Foreign Secretary in-

tends his visit to Hungary to

be the first of a series to

Helmut Kohi, the West German Chancellor, last week and Herr Willy Brandt on Sunday, the population of Erfurt looks like being the best informed or most confused in East Germany as Thuringia, the emo-tional heartland of East Germany, becomes the battleground for the main parties in the forthcoming election.

The Liberals, a coalition of three parties, are predominantly independent tradesmen with higher incomes and less fondness for the extremes of left and right than the East German working class.

move to the left by the Social

Democrats and the pace of

The regional leader, Herr Wolfgang Pape, admits that he has had problems finding enough people to stand. "Our problem is that we have not attracted young people for 40 years. They either went to the communists or kept out of politics. Lots of

villa in one of the city's

grander suburbs - a legacy of their past influence. The

surrounding houses are occu-

pied by functionaries from the

former regime and local

Inside, the local candidates

look as if they have been taken

out of one of the antique

cupboards and dusted down.

gion, are Liberals without even knowing it." The Erfurt Liberals emerged They are now making a late as the strongest party in the burst, having profited from a last free elections in the city—

people, especially in this re-

Cathedral Square. but that was in 1946.



for one of East Germany's fledgeling political groups, the Alliance of Free Democrats, the ADN news agency said yesterday. He is scheduled to ppear at an East Berlin rally for the alliance, which takes a centrist line, on March 16, two days before the country's first free elections. The alliance was formed earlier this month by three parties seeking to boost their chances in the poll.

him," said one disgruntled gated to a marginal position un Liberal canvasser.

Herr Genscher told the mainly middle-aged crowds the political spectrum. Herr Genscher, proclaimed on posters throughout the that Liberal influence would region as the "architect of unity", brought cautious tidaim to create "not a German Europe but a European ings of a gradual reunification Germany". programme to a crowd of 10,000 which had gathered in the Ash Wednesday rain on

week's gathering, more receptive to words of caution. Only a week ago, Herr Kohl

Ronald Reagan is to campaign mobbed by teenage girls asking him to sign posters. Nearby, the local youths were more interested in the convoy of silver Mercedes than the Foreign Minister. Herr Genscher, embraced

enthusiastically by a house-wife, said: "I am an unlikely pin-up." He then retreated into his car, to the visible relief of the security men.
In this sedate city of cafes,

chemist shops and churches. the population is clearly unnerved by the fierce election campaign being fought out on

its doorstep.
Local Liberals admit that they are "going for the con-fused vote", the comfortably-'off citizens who want an end to socialism but who are The people out yesterday nervous of jumping straight were older than those at last into the deep end of West German capitalism.

It is a vote that is there to be But the presence of a West captured - even if the un-Three years later, the party, had attracted six times that German politician in the East inspiring Liberals fail to grab change being represented by along with all other non-number. "The sun shone for German provinces can still hold of it in time.

CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

'Saxons' of Transylvania ready for new migration

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whom (out of 220) were killed

White Romanians try to estab-lish democratic government turesque town in the foothills argues that little will change. forces after Ceausescu fled. lish democratic government after years of Ceausescu's tyranny, the 250,000 Germans in Transylvania are fleeing an uncertain future, unimpressed by promises of a better fate. Entire communities of changed."

"Saxons" have abandoned the villages and towns which since the Second World War have been Europe's last Teutonic

settlements outside Germany.
Summoned by King Geza of
Hungary in the 12th century to colonise parts of Transylvania, these Germans have always been known as Saxons. phrases unintelligible to other

Under Ceausescu's rule the Saxons faced either forced Herr Peter Bellman, a particularly galling for the assimilation or per capita teacher at the high school in villagers of Schass, three of payment in hard currency for emigration to West Germany. In 10 years more than 20,000 left for the West.

Inevitably, it was the younger members of the Saxon community who preferred to emigrate. Their villages had become increasingly isolated and their houses were filled with gypsies.

Ceausescu's fall, Saxons still

minorities as Ceausescu was. Life has become increasingly difficult for those who remain - mostly elderly people. Older men are often attacked by gypsies at night; children are robbed by their

*Come back soon if you want to find us still here, we'll of the Carpathians, which the Saxons call Schassburg. "In Bucharest perhaps they have won something by their revolution but here little has

Despite the absence of running water and other basics, Herr Platz's family keep an immaculate house. Compared to the squalor of most Romanian hotels, Saxon homes are models of hospitality and the safest place for any traveller in

"Of course we have dif-They still speak a dialect ferent standards. Of course we riddled with 15th century could help Romania but none of us wants to risk more nism. We must get out while we can," he says. Herr Peter Bellman, a

As this Germanic culture even rebuild those that retreats. its monuments spectacular buildings and Ceausescu demolished - but you cannot change a populasplendid medieval tion corrupted by 40 years of communism and dictatorchurches - fall into decay.

Transylvania possesses some of the finest Gothic Nothing done by the Natchurch architecture. But in Sigishoara a 14th century church has had most of its charest since the new year has given the German minority windows smashed by vandals.

grounds for optimism. Herr Bellman says: "They An old man who looked after the church said: "We only speak about our rights applied every summer for 12 years for funds to restore the action. We cannot even erect a church but we only received permission to go ahead last autumn. By then everything Bucharest's obsession with

Inside, apart from broken glass, he fragments of 15th century choir stalls and older funerary monuments.

Despite armies of West German medical teams dispensing aid in the province. no one has thought of giving any aid to restore a key part of Europe's architectural

But the West German presence here is so thick on the ground that one cannot help thinking it is acting more as a magnet to draw the Saxons to West Germany than to encourage them to stay. The all-conquering German mark and the large numbers of advertisement for a Germany most of the Saxons have only read about.

After eight centuries a chapter of German and European history looks set to close before the end of the decade, less the result of Ceausescu's tyranny than of Romanian indifference to one of their country's greatest assets.

Priest stole to save artefacts



Father Dumitu Ionescu, an Orthodox priest, displaying some of the religious artefacts he saved from destruction by stealing them from St Vineri, a 17th century Bucharest basilica ordered to be demolished in 1987 by Nicolae Ceausescu, the former Romanian dictator.

Moscow sticks to 'fire first' doctrine

The Soviet Union has refused to drop the military doctrine of "counter-preparation", which envisages a pre-emptive strike against Western forces, a senior US official said

Mr John Maresca, chief US negotiator to the 35-nation Confidence and Security Building Measures talks (CSBM) in Vienna, said yes-terday that Soviet officials had said they were not planning to change the definition of

"counter-preparation." However, it would be put into practice only in response to an attack.

This reply has not satisfied Western negotiators, although their dissatisfaction has not been so great as to derail the talks. These are seen by Western, Eastern and non-aligned countries as a key element in the new relationship which is

beginning to emerge.

"Many elements of Soviet policy still seem to us as offensive or quasi-offensive or equivocal ... there are still suspicions which linger," Mr Maresca said in London, where he is holding talks with British Government officials. • GENEVA: Under their Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty to be signed at the June summit, the US and the Soviet Union will reduce their arsenals by 30 per cent instead of the original 50 per cent target (writes Alan McGregor).

This is because some cate-

gories of weapons have been excluded from the scope of START LIt is intended that they come under a subsequent START II accord.

of Hungarian textbooks From Tim Judah, Bucharest The Romanian Government vent Hungarian school-books has decided that Hungarian entering the country. textbooks may not be used "as teaching material" in the

Romania restricts use

enjoy no safeguards from a Hungarian-language schools government seemingly as and universities that are now indifferent to the fate of reopening in Transylvania.

strong Hungarian minority are concentrated in Transylvania and under the Ceausescu regime their schools and univer-

ture and Education, the Gov-

However, it said: "As for

certain classes of books - especially school-books sent from Hungary - we believe they may be suitable as documentary materials for experts and can be included in libraries, but they cannot be used as teaching material in the instructional proces

sity were closed.

In a joint communiqué issued by the Ministries of Culcation Minister, said Hungarians and Romanians had ernment denied reports last differences of interpretation, certainly be gone in six week that Romanian customs especially regarding history months," says Herr Hans officers had attempted to pre- and geography.

Eta suspected as parcel bomb maims post worker

From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Madrid

and an eye when a parcel bomb ripped through the main mail sorting centre here yesterday in an attack which appeared to confirm fears that Spain is on the brink of a new terror campaign by Basque

The explosion occurred less attack in which Senor Fernando de Mateo Lage, a leading anti-terrorism judge, when he opened a parcel in his night, police in Valencia dismantled another bomb adforged official stamps.

A post office clerk lost a hand mail box at a state-run un- tremists of Eta, who have been employment office.

Police said Señora María del Pilar Ruiz, aged 37, was maimed when handling a badly wrapped package at the Madrid sorting office.

EFE, quoting police sources, said that the parcel bomb was employee at a maximum security jail in Alcalá de Henares. The parcel had been returned lost both hands and an eye to Madrid after the postman who took it to the address was Madrid home. On Tuesday told the addressee no longer

Señora Ruiz, on instrucdressed to an army lieutenant. tions from superiors, was In both cases, the parcels bore trying to open the package to find the sender's address. No

According to yesterday's Mainichi Shimbun, a leading

daily newspaper, Mr Tak-

eshita is laughing openly about the spinelessness of his

appointee and boasting: "I'm

always telling the Prime Min-

ister, 'Don't keep telephoning me. Decide for yourself."

A leading article in yes-terday's Asahi Shimbun said

that in being forced to haggle

to get his way before the

nation's television cameras, "Prime Minister Kaifu ex-

posed the vulnerability of his

power base in the governing party. The evils of the LDP's

factional politics, where pref-

erence is given to the faction's

interests over the nation's,

(May or June)," he said.

(* denotes incumbents):

THE CABINET

Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu'; Justice Shin Hasegawa; For-eign Affairs Dr Taro Naka-yama'; Finance Ryutaro Hashimoto'; Education Kosuke

Hori; Health and Welfare Yuji Tsushima; Agriculture, For-estry and Flaheries Tomio

Shunpei Tsukahara; Construc-tion Tamisuke Watanuki; Home

Cabinet Secretary Misoji

blamed for at least three deadly parcel bombings last year, were the main suspects.

A spokesman for Herri Batasuna, the Basque coalition regarded as the pol-The Spanish news agency, itical arm of Eta, denied this and renewed calls for a peace dialogue with the Governthan 24 hours after a similar addressed to a former prison ment. However, the bombings appear to have destroyed prospects for a truce in the 21-year campaign for Basque independence. Only a few days ago, Señor José Luis Corcuera, the study demands for a dialogue if Eta observed a six-month moratorium on violence.

Secret talks between ETA There was also a police alert group immediately claimed and government reprein Barcelona yesterday when a responsibility for the parcel sentatives in Algiers collapsed package containing an alarm bombs. But government of last year after ETA insisted on clock was discovered in the ficials said that Basque ex- full autonomy.

Japan Cabinet wrangle

Kaifu sows seeds of his downfall

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Japanese political commenta- Noboru Takeshita, the former tors are wondering whether Prime Minister, who installed Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Prime Mr Kaifu last year. Minister, may have paved the way for his new administration's downfall by insisting on a say, however small, in choosing his new Cabinet. Traditionally, this is a prerogative of his party's grandees.

Even before the Cabinet was sworn in yesterday by Emperor Akihito, Mr Kaifu's days were being counted by cynics and critics at large and within his own Liberal Democratic Party.

Mr Kaifu waged a long battle into the early hours of yesterday to exclude scandal-tainted MPs from the Cabinet. But his battle against the LDP's old guard was noted in newspapers and coffee bars yesterday not for the fact that he got his way, but that he was made to look weak and vulnerable in the process.

Analysts say his fight to build a "clean cabinet" may have cost him the co-operation of the LDP's warlords tainted by the Recruit scandal.

Most tellingly, his own Cabinet members failed to rally round him. Mr Taro Nakayama and Mr Ryutaro Hashimoto, the only two men kept on in their respective posts of Foreign Minister and Finance Minister, reacted coolly when asked about Mr Kaifu's cold-shouldering of scandal-linked MPs.

Mr Hashimoto said grudg-"There are various ingly: "There are various views It is up to the Prime Yamamoto; International
Trade and Industry Kabun
Muto; Transport Akira Ono;
Posts and Telecommunications Takashi Fukaya; Labour Minister to decide."

Mr Kabun Muto, the new International Trade and Industry Minister, snapped: "No

Even after all Mr Kaifu's huffing and puffing, the Cabinet is still studded with men

Barry tells court he is not guilty

Washington - Mr Marion Barry, the Mayor of Washington, yesterday pleaded not guilty in court here to five charges of cocaine possession and three of perjury (Susan Ellicott writes). Mr Barry was charged earlier this month after a 14-month investigation into his links to a drug dealer. Jailed for year

Corpus Christi, Texas (Reuter) - Ronald Arab, aged 52, a Canadian from Vancouver, was jailed for a year and fined about £3,000 for conspiracy and money laundering connected with illegal arms sales

Rebel collapse Karachi - The interim Afghan Mujahidin "government" has virtually collapsed after Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, its foreign minister, announced the withdrawal of the support

have come to the fore. It also of his Hezb-i Islami faction. gives us no satisfaction that Treason charge not a single woman was named to the Cabinet." Kampala (Reuter) - Mr Newton Ojok, Uganda's former Education Minister, has been Mr Kaoru Okano, professor of politics at Tokyo's Meiji University, was little kinder.
"I suspect that this Cabinet charged with trying to overthrow the Government of

will be a short one, lasting only until the supplementary and main budget Bills are passed Book action

President Museveni.

Tokyo (Reuter) - Nomura Securities, the large Japanese brokerage company, says it intends to sue Al Alletzhauser, the British author of The House of Nomura.

Kenya reward Nairobi (AFP) - Kenya is offering £27,500 reward for

information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers of Mr Robert Ouko, the Foreign Minister. Shuttle launch

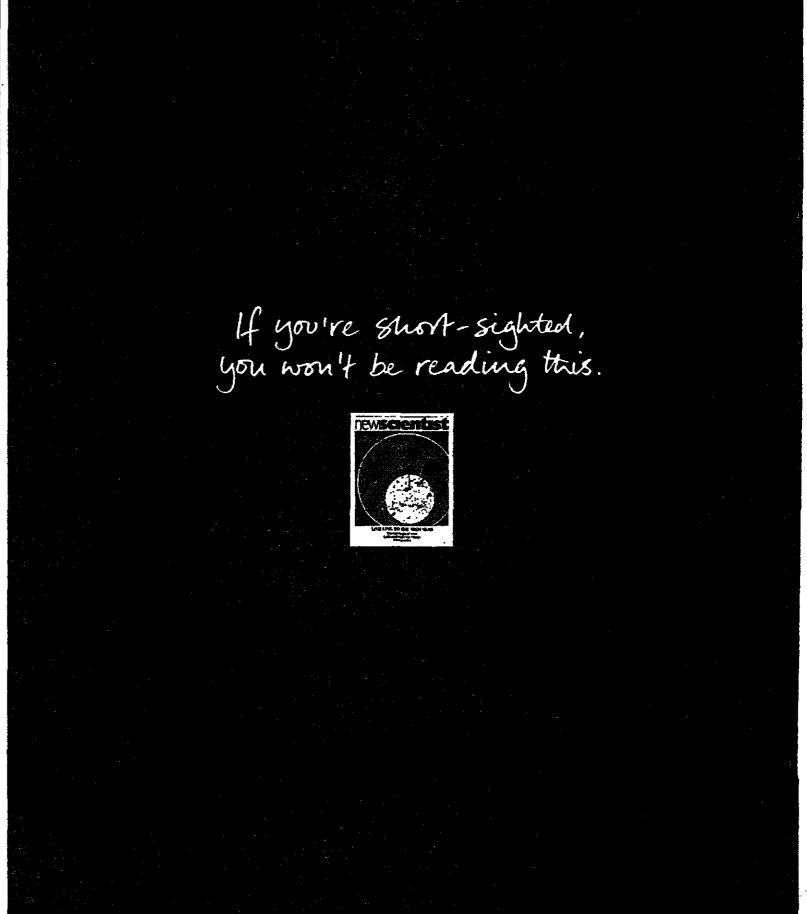
Cape Canaveral (Reuter) -After five delays the US space shuttle Atlantis was finally launched on a secret mission.

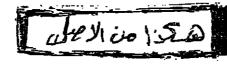
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Higher education policy attacked again in Lords

cation came in for sharp attack in the House of Lords for the second day level as the universities. "We un succession.

This continued attack was evidence, according to Lord Prior, the former minister, of the concern about what was happening and needed to

Lord Annan (Ind), opening the debate, said that dons should be "put in the picture" about government policy. No-body in the universities, polytechnics and colleges seemed to know what it was, he said. "Today, morale in higher education is really at rock bottom and the brain drain is

Dons are not ready to accept Secretary of State for Education) blithe reassurance that as many members of staff are draining back to our universities as are

The Government's ap-proach to higher edu-leaving compared with those the natural aspiration of all

who are coming back." Advocates of polytechnics wanted them funded at the same must have some cheap higher education. Do not let the ship run aground on the the rock of parity and esteem."

The new Secretary of State (Mr John MacGregor) had the (Mr John MacGregor) had the advantage of being a Scot and therefore prejudiced in favour of education. Would he help those who worked in higher education and put them in the picture?

"If you try, you may at any rate win their respect. At the moment, you have lost it."

Lord Prior (C) said that 17.5 per cent more graduates would be needed up to 1995. That was during a period of falling supply, so they would have to attract into higher education those less

into higher education those less qualified academically and those from different social classes than most of those there

"We have to move from the élite to a mass system."

No government would ever find the money to expand universities and higher education as much as many believed necessary. He saw no alternative to encouraging student loans and some switch from block grant to fees, with more money from local authorities and less from central government

Lady Blatch, for the Govern-ment, said that it was not true that our higher education com-pared badly with that of other countries in terms of funding and resources. The United Kingdom spent a higher proportion of its gross domestic prod-uct on higher education than most comparable countries.

The Government welcomed the decison of vice-chancellors draining out to America and elsewhere.

"The dons are not reassured because the count neglects the count neg about numbers of staff going



Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, at the opening yesterday of the Connaught swing bridge in Docklands, east London

Peers give Government majority of 50 on student loans

The following report of the later stages of Tuesday's debate in the House of Lords on the Education (Student Loans) Bill appeared, in part, in later editions yesterday.

The Government had a majority of 50 at the end of the debate on top-up

An amendment proposed by Earl Russell (Lib Dem) regretting that the Government had not given the House sufficient detail about the Bill was rejected by 174 votes to 124 at the end of an eight-hour debate and the Bill was then given an unopposed

Winding up for the Government, the Earl of Caithness, Paymaster General, said that the Government was considering whether special repayment terms were required for whose courses were longer and would

therefore lead to larger debts. Lord Butterworth (C) said that in he interest of students the scheme should not be delayed. It could be amended year by year in the light of experience and would become eff-icient and equitable by the time the loan element began to "ramp" up.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said that he was singularly unbappy about this measure. A loyal supporter of the Government, such as he was, should not remain silent when that Government appeared to be making a bad

It was wrong to compel every student, on becoming a graduate, to emerge as a debtor. It seemed that the Government **HOUSE OF LORDS**

was inflicting upon people and upon the universities a heavy burden for the sake of relieving public expenditure 10 or 15 years hence. Who could judge what the economic situation might be then?

The loans were not interest free. On the contrary, interest was being piled up at the rate of inflation. If one saddled every graduate with a debt, that would be an incentive for them to go abroad where they could not be ised to repay.

Lord Nagent of Guildford (C) supported the Bill. He said that to encourage students to become dependent on the taxpayer was to under-

Lord Alport (Ind C) said that there was nothing more likely to deter those from working-class families, where getting into debt carried social stigma, from undertaking higher education

Lady Faithfull (C) said that she would not support the amendment. However, the Government must consider whether it was wise to institutionalize debt for young

Lady Cox (C) said that she sup-ported the Government in the strongest possible terms. Higher education was a great privilege, but an expensive one. The average student would go on to earn 25 per cent more than

mine the sense of independence and those without a degree, so there was responsibility which he wanted them no reason why the rest of the immity should pay for that personal investment.

Earl Haig (C) said that, although he supported the Government, he feared that the scheme would be divisive and would favour those who were better off.

Lord Nelson of Stafford (C) said that the scheme was a small step in the right direction enabling more people to enter higher education. Lord Kirkwood (Lib Dem) said that the loans were a potential disaster.
They would bring complications and embarrassments for the Government similar to those it had experienced

over the poll tax. Lady Seear, for the Liberal Demo-crats, said that it was a pathetic Bill. A

Government which had made such a mess of the poll tax and nuclear energy was not always right. The Bill should be put back in the oven and cooked again.

Lady Blackstone, for the Oppo-sition, said that the scheme was a snoopers' charter. No wonder the banks had pulled out.

The real reason for the Bill, and rejection of a graduates' tax, was the Prime Minister's ideological claptrap about students being victims of a culture of dependency. That was a crude market view of the world — that you only appreciated what you paid for. Labour rejected that view.

The Earl of Caithness said that graduates who failed to pay back their debt to taxpayers deserved no

Cash help after Scots floods

The Government is ready to pay for the repair of floodbanks in Scotland in the aftermath of the revent storms, Lord James Douglas Hamilton, Under Secrelary of State, Scottish Office, said at question

Aid through the Beliwin formula would be available to all councils. Ministers were now waiting for reports of spending which they thought qualified for special

The rates of grant under the Farm and Conservation Grant Scheme, which were normally 50 per cent for the less favoured areas and 40 per cent elsewhere, were being increased to 75 per cent and 60 per cent respectively. These rates would be available for a period of six months from March 1.

Nuclear power must go

The Liberal Democratienergy policy proposals launched at a press conitence on wearesally House of Commons recommend phasing out all nuclear power in Britain by 2020.

The group that drew up the proposals also recommends committing the marty to building the Severa Barrage. That is likely to cause dissent among party members on conservation

The 36-page document proposes more research into the greenhouse effect; action to reduce sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions; creation of a deep underground depository for lower-level nuclear wastes and on-site storage for higher-level wastes.

Oil and gas confidence

Mr Peter Morrison, Min-ister of State for Energy, said in a Commons written reply that he was confident that the United Kingdom would become fully self-sufficient in gas and remain a net oil exporter well into the 1990s. Exploration and drilling in the North Sea was likely to reach a record for the UK this year.

Aid for B&B

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Sec-retary of State for Scotland. announced at question time that he intended to bring forward regulations to en-sure that small bed-and-break fast establishments with six or fewer places or open for fewer than 100 days a year should be treated as domestic property and not liable to non-domestic rates.

M1 failure

Initial indications from an experiment on the M1 motor way were that 70 mph re-peater signs had had no effect on the speed of most vehicles, Mr Robert Atkins, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written Commons reply. The results of the experiment were being assessed.

Help from EC

Scotland received £857 million from the Regional Development Fund of the European Community between 1975 and last year. Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State, Scottish office, said in a written reply. Of that sum. 90 per cent had been

paid since 1979

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland: Prime Minister. Debate on Lords (3): Courts and Le-

gal Services Bill, report, third day.

Call for strong security tribunal Income tax move 'threatens small repertory theatres'

Tribunal should be set up by the Government to avoid a repetition of the Colin Wallace "disinformation" affair, Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) said. He was seeking leave under

the 10-minute-rule procedure to bring in the Security Service Act 1989 (Amendment) Bill, which the tribunal.

He said that the preamble to the Bill represented an honest, serious stab at lessening the chances of a recurrence of what was generally called the Colin Wallace affair. In plain language, an enhanced Security Service Tribunal.

It might act as a deterrent to

Elements of the Security Service had run amok. His proposal was about making them more

When confronted by books, ach as Paul Foot's Who Framed Colin Wallace, or Captain Fred
Holroyd's War without Honour,
the tribunal would surely say:
"It is our job to look at this staff
properly". It should be able to
investigate as far back as it
thought necessary.

similar things happening to a and women who already had the Kinnock, Baker, Patten or necessary familiarity with the Heseltine government of the security services and their monecessary familiarity with the security services and their mo-

The tribunal members were presumably considered suf-ficiently reliable to handle deli-

Assuming — and it was a whopper of an assumption — the House wanted the truth of the Colin Wallace affair, he was not enchanted by the alternatives. thought necessary.

The privileges committee was
The tribunal already existed.

The privileges committee was
not a suitable body to conduct an

the kind of thing that happened to the Wilson and Heath governments of the 1970s and prevent The tribunal members were men concealment.

At one time the Security Commission was a good vehicle for an investigation. But a letter from its distinguished chairman, Lord Griffiths of Gowellen, made clear that he could act only on a reference from the Prime Minister — and the House could cate and highly classified Minister – and the House could information. Everything was in judge how likely that would be.

virtues, but politicians of every party who wanted to keep their political noses clean with their colleagues were not the most impartial of investigative inquiry

The Bill was formally read a first time.

A number of small repertory comers and which were already fee, touring and living expenses, theatres might well have to close under grave financial limita-if an Inland Revenue proposal tions, would be greatly affected. to end the "self-employed" status of actors and actresses went through, Mr Tom Arnoid (Hazel

Grove, C) told MPs. Speaking in an adjournment have to reduce con debate late on Tuesday, Mr fered to customers.

Arnold, a former theatrical producer, said that great injustice would result, with newcomers to the profession mable to claim percentage of unemployed than expenses against tax.

Urging the Government to think again, he said that theatres in the regions in particular, which tended to attract new-

He predicted that the acting profession would demand higher salaries and, to meet some of

the demand, employers would have to reduce concessions oftrincham and Sale, C) said that

any other.

Actors and actresses incurred considerable expenses that would not be allowable under the new definition: the agent's

"I hope that common sense will prevail and that we will have a change of heart on behalf of the Inland Revenue." Mr Peter Lilley, Financial

subscription to Equity, audition expenses, telephone calls, post-

age, stationery and make-up.

that this was essentially a matter of law. The main court case had been in 1972. The ruling, a clear one, had still not been fully

The Inland Revenue would co-operate if Equity wished to bring another test case.

on many of these hints, then he

will have been 'finesseing' his

way to a better Bill, but if he

He paid tribute, however, to

cannot, he will pay the price".

Mr Mellor's stamina in handling the long hours of the committee

'Anti-fraud battle' Praise and anxious expectation for Mellor pledge by Ryder

The Government's determination to fight fraud in the European Community was emphasized by Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, when he opened a Commons debate on Tuesday night on a Commission document on Secretary

The Opposition spokesman said that some fraudulent claims made under the support system

Mr Ryder said that Britain had spearheaded attempts to get to grips with fraud and the Commission's action stemmed in no small part from growing anxiety in Britain. British reporting of fraud seemed to be far more accurate than that of

The new export refund mon-itoring regulations toughened good start in preventing fraud, existing arrangements by requir-ing customs officers to inspect a go and much still to be done.

that proportion would rise to 5 per cent by 1992.

The Government rejected the The Government rejected the report of the European Court of Auditors which alleged that expenditure was not all devoted to the intended projects. "Every Ecu (European currency unit) we get from the funds goes to the programme or project for which it is intended."

Mr Christopher Smith, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said that instances of fraud begin-ning to emerge related especially to the agricultural regime. The system of intervention lent itself to fraudulent use. The Court of Auditors, the Com-mission on Fraud and the Government had so far made a

By Richard Ford Political Correspondent

The plaudits are being handed out to Mr David Mellor for his handling of the committee stage of the Broadcasting Bill as detailed scrutiny of its 167

clauses draws to a close. Though there is praise for the deft manner in which the Minister of State, Home Office, has prevented the political temperature inside Committee Room 16 boiling over, the Opposition now expects him to

turn his assurances into words. "It has very much been a case of the Bill to shake up British

to respond to all the hints and promises", Mr Robin Corbett, Labour spokesman on broad-casting said. "Mr Mellor prom-ised to turn the hints and undertakings into words, either before the end of the committee stage or at its report stage. We want to ensure that he does not

Opposition MPs believe that Mr Mellor has always been looking over his shoulder towards No 10 Downing Street, the residence of the real authors

of nudge, nudge, wink, wink. broadcasting They suspect that could go to makers of outstand-Now we want the Government Mr Mellor is personally sympaing programmes rather than to thetic towards arguments on the key question of quality, but has been anxious to avoid con-cessions being hailed trium-phantly by his opponents as a qualified bidder would not nec-

Labour has listed 50 hints, suggestions and promises made by Mr Mellor and yesterday it said that it was essential that he should act on them.

On the key question, Mr Mellor told the committee that

ing programmes rather than to the highest bidder. He also indicated that quality could be ssarily be the largest bidder.

The Opposition said that, rather than relying on the good will of the Independent Television Commission, which will award the franchises, or min-

stage, adding: "His own back-benchers have caused him few problems which is as it should be in a well organized com-mittee." Of course, it also helps if the Government business managers ensure that none of the Bill's Conservative opponents are appointed to the standing committee.

the changes must be written into the Bill.

he would consider making it explicit in legislation that in-dependent television franchises sition spokesman on the arts,

Mid-Staffordshire by-election

A crucial test of main parties' morale

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

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The Mid-Staffordshire by-election, declared yesterday for March 22, opens with the Labour Party, to its alarm, 1-5 favourites with the bookmakers to capture a Conservative seat held at the last general election by the late Mr John Haddle with a 14,654 majority.

To win the seat Mrs Sylvin Heal, Labour's candidate, needs a 13 per cent swing, even larger than that achieved at the Vale of Glamorgan by-election last year—and that was only the fourth seat Labour has taken from the Conservatives in the past 25 years. The present Labour lead of 17 per cent in national opinion polls, however, does represent a 14 per cent swing to the party since the last general election.

With Tory nerves already frayed by the public reaction to high mortgage rates, rising inflation and the poll tax, the contest will have a crucial effect on party morale.

Loss of the seat would cause deep alarm in Conservative ranks with the May local government elections to come, especially since Labour plans to focus heavily on Mrs Margaret Thatcher personally. But Labour too needs a victory to sustain its momentum and its

policies are under much closer scratiny than a year ago.

There is also much at stake for the or parties. The Liberal Democrats, ntitor parties. The Liberal Democrats, still in the deldrums, rely on by-elections to break through to public consciousness and should face less competition from the Social Democrat Party now that Dr David Owen has disclosed his increasing disentantment with the life of national national

The Green Party has failed to capitalise on its 15 per cent of the vote in last year's European Parliament elections and risks having that dismissed as

At present, however, the contest appears a two-horse race likely to be decided by two crucial questions. Will discontented former Tories, as they did in the Vale of Glamorgan, move right across to Labour in this more classless constituency or will they stay at home?
And if the former centre party vote collapses, where will those votes go instead? The comfortable Tory victories in the

constituency at the past two elections have ewed much to anti-Conservative forces being almost equally divided between Labour and the Alliance. They cannot say so publicly, but the Tories would not mind a centre party revival in the Midlands; Mid-Staffordshire in that sense will provide key portents for the

next election.

Defending the Tory majority is Mr
Charles Prior, accountant nephew of
Mrs Thatcher's former Secretary of
State for Employment, Lord Prior.

He says there is no distinction any
more between Victor and others in the more between Wets and others in the Tory Party, that he supports government policy dot and comma and that the

policy dot and comms and that the contest is not a test of Mrs Thatcher's popularity. "It's just that because she's such an obvious leader she takes the A keen European, he denies that the Prime Minister is isolated on EC issues and says he is disturbed that people

and says he is disturbed that people should think her so.

Acknowledging that interest rates and the community charge are the main issues, he plans to blame Labour-controlled Staffordshire Council for pushing the poll tax £46 higher than it needs to be locally. Unperturbed by the calling of the election two days after the Budget, he



policy "dot and comma".

doesn't expect it to help his cause. The Chancellor, he says, must continue the squeeze on inflation. "I'm not expecting any fiscal stimuli". His opponents see the election date as

a Tory attempt to set up an excase for losing the by-election after the Chan-cellor has puraded his toughness and

responsibility.

"They are looking for an excase on which to binme defeat", says Mrs Heal, which to outsie descai , says (vals alocal, a magistrate from Surrey, who made a key speech in last year's disarmament debute at the Labour Party conference, arguing that her unilateralism was worth sacrificing in a changed world if it aided a Labour election victory. An articulate, approachable social worker in the "Kinnockite" mainstream of her party, and with something of the style of Mrs Glenys Kinnock, she says: "People are hungry for change: they've got an appetite for it".

the seat for the third time for the Liberal Democrats and the only long-time local resident among the main candidates, sees the poll tax as the issue for his party. The poll tax is desperately unpopular, he says, while Labour appeals unconvincingly to be trusted on details yet to come of its alternative. People see the logic of the Liberal Democrats' promised local income tax. With a string of local councillors spread through the constituency, which straggles alongside the A51 with a high proportion of private housing estates, the Liberal Democrats are hopeful of setting off a centre party revival, pushing

The contest is likely to involve a record number of candidates, including the National Front and a "One Nation" independent Tory, a former local mayor who is taking out advertisement headed "Get Her Out". The Green Party, checkly, has issued a leaslet implying that it has the Prince of Wales's support.

hungry for change: they've got an appetite for it".

She says that she encounters no suspicion that Labour has changed its clothes only in order to gain power and claims that people are shamefacedly "confessing" to having voted for Mrs. Thatcher before and promising her never to do so again. The poll tax, mortgages and National Health Service reforms are pushing converts across, she says, with no questioning yet of Labour's local government tax alternatives.

Mr Tim Jones, the barrister fighting the seat for the third time for the Liberal Democrats and the only long-time local

setting off a centre party revival, pushing mainly local issues.

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Ghosts in the party machine



Gorbachov's position is precari-

ous and the "sound" section of the

party is dissatisfied and has almost

stopped trying to come to terms

with the wild outburst of "re-

visionism, bourgeois liberalism

and subversion of Marxism-

Leninism". Then, in September

1989, suddenly the embassies

declared with one voice: there is

not the slightest chance of

Gorbachov going - he is there to

stay. The Brezhnevites' last hope

The turning point for Gorb-

achov was the Central Committee

plenum last September, when he

rid himself of the arch-reaction-

aries Vladimir Shcherbitsky and

Viktor Chebrikov. This gave him

absolute control over the Polit-

buro and further strengthened his

It is true that there still remained

the Central Committee, number-

There is a risk

that the party

dinosaurs in the

provinces are

organizing their

own delegates to

the congress

had evaporated.

Khrushchev ignored close enemies to his cost: will Gorbachov be able to avoid dangerous

companions? In the last of his articles on his homeland Oleg Gordievsky, the former KGB officer and double agent, looks at the future of the Soviet Union - with and without its powerful President

Gorbachov to form his own In recent months I reconstructed Central Committee. have often been However, in view of asked: will Gorbachov Gorbachov's plan to leave the last? The fall of the Brezhnev-pattern reparty merely the role of a political avant-garde, gradually handing gimes of Eastern Europe was a sign over its administrative functions that his position is as strong as to the Council of Ministers and ever. The explanation for this local councils, it would be useful paradox is as follows: in the first to him to have a power base in the four years after Gorbachov's legislature and also important for appointment the East German, him to retain administrative pow-Czechoslovak and Bulgarian emers. And this week we have seen bassies in Moscow zealously prohim pushing the plan for an vided their ministries at home with the information which their executive presidency through the Supreme Soviet leaders Honecker, Jakes and Zhivkov wanted to hear: The Soviet public realized long

ago that Gorbachov is peculiarly able and adroit in consolidating his personal powers. In addition to glasnost and foreign policy, this is the third domain in which he has achieved impressive success. In a relatively short time after being elected General Secretary he be-came chairman of the Supreme Soviet, head of the Defence Council and head of the Central Committee Bureau for the Russian Federation. He almost completely reformed the Politburo and secretariat, arranged for 100 of the most hostile members of the Central Committee to be retired and will shortly become executive president, with wide-ranging powers, including the right to countermand the decisions of the Supreme Soviet

that he needs powerful authority to overcome resistance from the reactionaries. On the other hand, the democratically-minded public is keeping a wary eye on a concentration of power in the hands of one man which is unprecedented in the history of the USSR. Constitutionally he is already more powerful even than Stalin. It reckons that this is a manifestation of the traditional instinct of leaders of the CPSU to them personal power is more important than all else. The public would prefer efforts to be directed to consolidating democracy and to bringing younger, more able and progressively-thinking people into the governing bodies.

In fighting to strengthen his position, Gorbachov has tried to prevent anyone who could threaten his position from reaching the top level, which means the Polithuro and Central Committee secretariat. The present members of the Politburo do not lack ability, but not one of them appears to be of giant stature. On the progressive wing there are Aleksandr Yakovlev, Vadim Medvedev and Eduard Shevardnadze, none of whom carries sufficient weight or possesses an adequate power base to rival Gorbachov. In the centre is Nikolai Ryzhkov who, after years at the head of the Council of Ministers, is well acquainted with the economy, but has made no marked impression on politics or ideology. The traditionalist wing includes Yegor Ligachov and Lev Zaikov, the latter a classical party bureaucrat, outwardly colourless,

but well aware of which string to pull and when. Since Zaikov is responsible for the powerful body of military industry, and by virtue of this possesses considerable authority, Gorbachov is, it seems, attempting to restrict his power. Ligachov, the clear favourite of the party apparat, was the only one who could have rivalled Gorbachov. But his transfer from ideology to agriculture and his academic world - there are many people with the brilliance of mind evident advancing age are undermining his chances. After the next to lead the USSR. But the system CPSU congress, analysis of the party leadership will have to begin will not permit them to emerge. from the beginning, since instead of the Politburo there will be an Only members of the Politburo can enter the struggle.

Even national deputies, who

elected body - the Praesidium, include a number of able people, different in both number and cannot achieve the leap into composition. This said, it is important to power. True, Yeltsin, who counts on making a comeback, is trying to remember that each member of the CPSU leadership has his own prove an exception. He intends to

ambitions and would, if events turned out well for him, unhesitatingly agree to become head of the party if the opportunity arose, even in the face of a still more serious economic and social crisis, and the general public doing everything possible to pre-vent this happening. would forget all about the duliness and lack of originality they now display. In the lower ranks of the apparatus - ministries, industry, the Army, the KGB and the

become a member of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation and then be elected chairman of the Praesidium. As chairman, he would be entitled to enter the Politburo. However, after rejecting Yeltsin, the party apparatus is

It appears that Gorbachov's position should continue to be strong — but in the USSR it is increasingly impossible to expect anything like transparency or predictability. Unexpected factors emerge: the appearance of powerful figures such as the neoreactionary head of the Leningrad party organization, Boris Gidaspov; the danger of general strikes; the possibility of mass riots because of food or fuel shortages. Social turbulence may prompt the Central Committee or

events a progressive group comes to power, headed by a man such as

is, therefore, necessary to consider the hypothetical possibility of Gorbachov's departure.

The following developments, with and without Gorbachov, are possible:

• Due to an unlikely chain of

Yakoviev and supported by a regional group led by Yuri Afanasyev and Yeltsin and other liberals. These people would sharply increase the rate of democratization of society and decentralization of the economy, place greater emphasis on the progressive aspects of foreign policy and demote the role of ideology. From the West's point of view, this version would be ideal but, unfortunately, it is most unlikely since democratic forces in the party and society are very weak and disorganized.

● The arrival in power of an inveterate traditionalist like Zaikov as a result of upheaval within the party. This event would probably see a continuation of previous policy but with much more caution. Urgent measures would be taken to improve the supply situation, but preparation for economic reform would be slow and gradual. Glasnost would not be abolished but its range would be restricted. Foreign policy would mostly be unchanged but in some respects a harder line would be adopted. The party's monopoly of power would not be re-established in legal terms but the existing political structure would be retained for an indefinite time.

 A change of power as a result of a coup d'état — possibly military. This might happen, against a background of severe economic disruption, if there were a split in the Communist Party or if noncommunist parties entered the struggle for power. An emergency would be declared and a committee of national salvation would be set up, headed by a powerful figure from the Army, military, industry, the Interior Ministry or the reactionary section of the party apparatus - someone of the type Gidaspov or General Boris Gromov (the former Soviet commander in Afghanistan). Martial law would be introduced in the Baltic states, the Caucasus and some cities in Central Asia. Representatives with special powers would be dispatched to the most critical sectors of the economy, such as transport, retail trade and the food and consumer goods distribution network.

Strict censorship would be introduced and the progressive press would be muzzled. Opponents of socialism, revisionists and bourgeois nationalists would be temporarily interned and some of them sentenced. A hard line would be adopted in foreign policy, especially on the issues of disarmament, troop withdrawals from central Europe and the German question, and the "class struggle approach" to inter-national relations would be revived. Cordial relations would be established with China. After a careful purge of the party and the media, the committee would hand over power once more into the party's hands and thorough "de-Gorbachovization" would take place. In this version the country's situation would be reminiscent of China's after June 1989.

The most likely variant is one where Gorbachov's regime remains in power. A fair amount of insight into his future is provided by the last Central Committee plenum and the platform then adopted. On the whole, this document indicates a step forward in the gradual democratization of the USSR. In the first place, the party proclaimed that it was making no claim to monopoly -although it does not intend to renounce power. This is indicated by remarks about retaining an avant-garde position and an appeal to the party to act as political leader. Progress, however, may be seen in the fact that the platform will allow political groups to be formed which will, in essence, be parties, but only ones which stand for renewal of a socialist society". The head of the KGB, Vladimir Kryuchkov, speaking at the plenum, expressed his horror at the possible emergence of "anti-

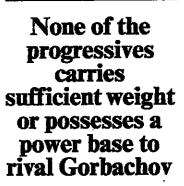
The party's attitude to the KGB is symptomatic of its ambivalent

attitude to power. The platform devotes several paragraphs to the need for reform in the army, but on the KGB it merely remarks that it "remains a vital and essential institution".

The economic section of the programme also calls for dis-cussion. The categorical requirement for planning when a free market is introduced, and the refusal to hand over land for private ownership to farmers, do not hold out much promise either for upgrading industry or for reviving agriculture. The ban on hiring labour, which is categori-cally laid down in the programme, is particularly counter-productive. (For instance, a shoemaker who opens a workshop will not have the right to take on an apprentice.)

The section on the legal system and human rights is more promising, although it will be difficult to guarantee if a one-party state is

The section on renewal and democratization of the party inspires genuine optimism. If the ideas set out are implemented, and the congress in June will reveal this, then some other kind of Communist Party may gradually evolve. The present genera-tion of party bosses will depart. fresh currents will flow in and discussion will begin, and it may



be that in a few years the a new Central Committee will adopt a new platform which will envisage a multi-party system, a free mar-ket, and even a CPSU ready to go into opposition.

In the meantime, Gorbachov is left with all his problems. If he does not manage to halt the economic decline, the acute food shortage may bring about a situation which no one can now foresee. Should the "socialist market" somehow contrive to continue to function, however, in 10 to 15 years the Soviet Union will resemble Yugoslavia as it was 20

The swift changes in recent months have provoked discussion about destabilization. I find it difficult to see why the departure of the countries of Eastern Europe from a bloc which is hostile to the West should be destabilizing for the latter. The alarm felt by some western politicians and diplomats over possible future minor disputes about territory among these countries is truly a small price to pay for freedom and democracy.

The extension of democratic government in Europe and the merging of East and West Germany will promote the security and stability of the West, In different circumstances, the USSR would have stubbornly insisted on demilitarization and neutral status for a reunited Germany. Now, politically weakened, and with the economy on the brink of a precipice, the USSR will be forced to agree to the new Germany being a member of Nato.

This concession, like the concessions continually made at disarmament talks, would be made in the interest of obtaining vital economic aid from Germany, and from other western countries.

There are no grounds for fearing democratization of the USSR on the grounds of military security. If there were, in fact, a really democratic partiament in the Soviet Union today, it would not on any account be voting the enormous resources for military requirements which are being wasted at present, nor would it drag the nation into rash ventures

Serious fears are being aroused

in the West that as a result of political and social destabilization, control of strategic nuclear forces might fall into the hands of irresponsible elements and the risk of Armageddon would arise. These misgivings appear to be exaggerated. First, the Soviet Union's strategic weapons are located in the heart of Russia, so unrest among the other nationalities would not affect them. Second, they are under the control of carefully chosen, trustworthy persons in the Government, the army and the KGB, who do everything possible to prevent any misuse of such weapons. Third, if de-stabilization were to occur, it would not be instantaneously, as in Romania, but gradually, giving the West sufficient time to grasp the situation and take action. Such action might even include an agreement between the US and the USSR on mutual exchange of observers to monitor the maintenance and servicing of strategic nuclear arms, with the aim of preventing any from being used in error or explorted by malefactors.





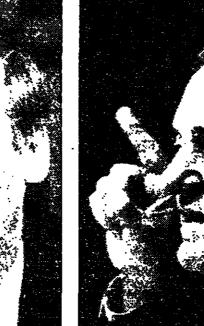
Follow my leader: Khrushchev (top) did not tame the Central Committee; is Gorbachov (above) more successful?

ing about 250 members, most of whom were instinctively opposed to many of Gorbachov's innovations. However, having had their say, even they obey his will every ume and submissively approve the resolutions put to them, because they are well aware that it is dangerous to rebel. When there is a vote against the centre's policy, the apparat always finds a pretext for dismissing the rebel. So we have seen that at last month's plenum every one except Boris Yeltsin voted for the new Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) platform, which they loathe. Yeltsin was not afraid to vote against it, since his position is not based on the party machine, but on the votes of the electors. Nevertheless, Gorbachov does

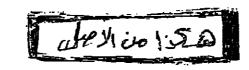
not want to continue in uncomfortable cohabitation with his latent enemies in the Central Committee. He has evidently been visited more than once by the nightmare of fear inflicted on Nikita Khrushchev by a Central Committee which he thought, wrongly, he had fully tamed. Hence the date of the next CPSU congress, at which Gorbachov will try to choose his own pro-Gorbachov Central Committee, has been altered twice. However, there is a risk that the party dinosaurs in the provinces are organizing their own delegates to the congress, which will again elect a reactionary Central Committee. This would be easy enough for them to do under the present system, where delegates are chosen through a multi-stage conference. In order to prevent this, Gorbachov will be convening yet another plenum any day now, at which he will propose new rules. These will provide an opportunity for the mass of rank and file communists, who are often quite democratically minded, to vote outright for the advocates of reforms as their delegates to the







Contenders for power: progressives Vadion Medvedev and Eduard Shevardnadze (left and right), neither of whom have a power base to rival Gorbechov, and the centrist Nikolní Ryzhkov





hen the Prince of Wales visits
Cameroon later this month, he will
be denied the chance to get among
his beloved virgin trees. The World Wide
Fund for Nature invited him to visit Korup
National Park, established on the Nigerian
border to prince 125 (00) border to protect 135,000 hectares of primary rainforest. It is a scheme dear to the Prince's vision of conservation. But the visit would have required a helicopter journey.
Palace officials planning the tour took one
look at the local air transport available and ruled that they were not going to risk the neck of the Heir to the Throne in a Cameroonian chopper. Instead the Prince will have to be content with looking at a very small and somewhat artificial forest display which he can reach by road. Such considerations did not trouble his father, the WWF president, when he visited the other half of the same forest last year; Prince Philip travelled (whether complainingly or not I cannot say) in a Nigerian army helicopter.

Better news for the Prince, however, on the architecture front. The Italian government, having put the exquisite 400-year old Villa Lante in the Roman countryside at his long-term disposal — initially for his Summer School in Civil Architecture this September - is preparing to offer him another. Nearby Caprarola, a splendid Renaissance villa built on a medieval castle, is much bigger and grander and is his for the asking if the summer school idea takes off. Competition for the first 24 places is, I gather, already intense.

 Some Hampstead thinkers, in Hartlepool to assess Peter Mandelson's chances of keeping the seat for Labour when Ted. Leadbitter retires, decided to go native and sample the town's excellent fish and chips. "Cod and chips twice," said one, already au fait with the patois. "And," pointing to a large steaming dish of mushy peas, "some of that delicious-looking avocado mousse." No, I don't believe it either.

ow look here, this won't do. David Mellor, Home Office minister in charge of broadcasting, has disclosed that after touring the premises of a certain satellite TV outfit, he intends to equip his Putney home with one of those abominable squarials. "As a consumer I am entitled to make my choice," he said defensively after attending a satellite and cable conference yesterday, adding guardedly: "But, so often in life, excitement is followed by disappoint-ment. We shall see." Mellor may be a classical music buff, but the real intelligentsia go for dishes of a different shape. Harold Pinter, leading opponent of mono-lithic media baronies, has finally sold out to cricket. In the basement of his mansion in Campden Hill Square is a little cubbyhole known as the Sky Room. Harold cannot exist without live coverage of England's performance in the West Indies.

BARRY FANTONI



Poor old Skoda cars, which suffer mightily from derision at their presumed tractor-factory Czech origins, have at last attracted a tiny touch of class to the marque. They are sponsoring a sevenweek run, which opened at the Lyric Studio, Hammersmith, last night, of a cycle of three one act plays, Audience, Protest and Private View, written over 20 years ago but banned until last autumn. The author? Vaciav Havel, President of Czechoslovakia. You've seen the play; now drive the car. Except that, I feel duty bound to point out, Havel's presidential transport is a Renault.

Public relations campaigns, however, can sometimes appear to have been a complete waste of time. Since they were turned from government agency into limited company nearly four years ago, the people who run our major airports have expended considerable time and money educating us in the fact that their name is now BAA - initials which, they insist, stand for absolutely nothing at all. Imagine the distress of their chairman, Sir Norman Payne, at this week's inaugural meeting of the Aviation Club, as he heard the guest speaker refer to the body repeatedly as the British Airports Authority. As Transport Secretary, you would think that Cecil Parkinson would know better.

Leon Brittan outlines a positive EC response to reunification sibly this year — is one of the earliest fruits of the tremen-

The German opportunity

cautious welcome - were widely, and no doubt unfairly, taken as grudging and unimaginative. Subsequent efforts to set the become clear even before the East German elections which record straight have been ham-

pered by near-hysterical reflexes in parts of the popular press. Yet I stand by my suggestion last November that it would be dangerous as well as futile to swim against the emotional tide of popular support in both halves of Germany for reunification. Germany will be united. If this is achieved against the nap of European opinion, rather than with the full blessing of Germa-ny's partners, it will entail a far greater likelihood of destabiliz-ing Europe — the very outcome its critics most fear. Happily, that danger is largely

he prospect of German re-unification — quite pos-

dous events of the past few

months in Europe. First reactions

in Britain - intended to convey a

behind us. There is now a general acceptance, even in the Soviet Union, that reunification properly managed - offers tremendous opportunities for us all, if only we will seize them. The broad mechanisms for managing the transition have

will be held this month. The four wartime allied powers have residual responsibilities, which are respected in the "two plus four" formula under which dis-cussions will take place between the two German states and the

four powers.
The unified Germany should be part of Nato, but with no troops in what is at present East Germany. Nato itself will need to adapt to the new realities, and the security and co-operation summit later this year will be an important stage in that process. It is already clear that Europe can achieve a balance of forces with far fewer troops and armaments. That is the peace dividend, which we should not be afraid to declare.

If reunification on this basis is to become a reality, there is one further requirement. Both Germanies must give binding undertakings that reunification will take place within their present external frontiers. Only the formal abandonment of historical German territorial claims will give Poland and other neighbouring countries the reassurance they rightly seek, and above all enable the Soviet Union to feel safe in withdrawing its troops from East Germany.

European security is vital, but along with that there is the question of the political and It is here that the European Community is crucial. This is because the Community has become, quite simply, the mainspring of European integration. It is the natural focus for the

Settling the terms of German reunification in the context of both economically modest and politically acceptable. So there is emerging European order, both no reason why the German process should cause us either to delay or to accelerate our own work on economic and monetary for those, like East Germany, that are shortly to be within the Community, and for other coun-tries which must define new

relationships (perhaps culminat-ing in membership): the coun-tries of Effa and the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe. Rapid East German integration into the Community raises a large number of immediate practical difficulties. Much attention has already been paid to German monetary union and its likely impact on the wider process of European economic and monetary union. I consider that the inflationary implica-tions of German monetary union have been exaggerated. I am confident that the Bundesbank's commitment to monetary stability will be undiminished, and that the necessary adjustments to maintain it will be made. These adjustments will be

membership of the exchange-rate mechanism of the European

Monetary System.

The new Germany will combine some of the most developed regions of the Community with some of the least developed. How should the Community's regional policy operate? How can fair competition be achieved in the short term, given that East Germany presently operates dis-torted systems of wages, prices and state subsidy? To what extent might West German state support for investment in the East — desperately needed to stem the flood of economic migrants - create unfair competition within the Community? What controls should we put in place, and what transitional period is both reasonable and practicable? East Germany is one of the most polluted regions in the world. How soon should we subject it to the full rigour of EC

law in this respect - and what are the implications for fair competition as long as we hold back? Agriculture, too, will pose formidable problems, linked to

the general problems of transition from a command economy to market mechanisms, These are not academic questions. They are of crucial importance to every businessman, farmer and consumer in the Community. We are engaged in defining the terms under which the new Germany will take its

place in the European market. The European Commission has already started examining such questions, at the request of the Council of Ministers. And I am sure that we can arrive at workable solutions. There are those who see a danger of the size and economic power of a united Germany upsetting the balance of Europe. Whatever the validity of that Rar, the best way of allaying it is to ensure that a united Germany forms part of a confident and dynamic European Community. That is the best guarantee to the smaller countries that their interests will be protected in the emerging Europe. Sir Leon Brittan is Vice-President of the European

Commission.

Proof that no woman is an island

Ronald Butt contends that Mrs

Thatcher, like many another leader after a run of hard-won victories.

has become flawed with hubris

e know only too well by now the things that have gone wrong with Mrs Thatcher's government. What is harder to understand is why they have gone wrong, often, apparently, for no good reason. We know, above all, about the return of inflation and the crippling cost for so many people of the high interest rates that are again needed to bring it down. (This time there is no Labour nor neo-Keynesian legacy to account for it.) We know too that the cost of mortgages intensifies inflation-propelled wage de-Even in the hardest times of mands, threatening the return of the 1979 Parliament, it was

damaging industrial disputes. It is also only too clear that the government which invented the poll tax is much more likely to be blamed for its adverse consequences than the local authorities which levy it. Then there is the discontent with the condition of the public services, from the hospitals to transport, and public unease about the long dispute with the ambulancemen.

We recall, too, how the un-concealed conflict between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson over economic management vitiated confidence in Government policy long before he re-. At the cack of our mu there is also the memory of the messy way in which the last Cabinet reshuffle was carried out. Abroad we had first Mrs Thatcher's earlier resistance to Mr Gorbachov's proposals for nuclear disarmament within Europe, and now her liberally voiced suspicions about the consequences of German unification. Suddenly Britain seems oddly isolated from its allies.

and for no very good reason. So we can hardly be surprised that the Government has sunk to an alarmingly low level in the opinion polls, dangerously late in the Parliament, with a MORI poll giving Labour a straight 17-point lead. How stark the contrast seems with the days when the Government took on the unions, and won; tackled inflation, and (almost) won; privatized industries on a scale that nobody had supposed possible; sold council houses; reduced taxation; even tackled the egalitarian deadhand in education.

obvious that the Government's intellectual opponents (their economic and social ideas rooted in the 1960s) were wrong in their belief that it would end in Tory defeat in 1983. The reality was that the old ways were finally discredited, Labour was still unregenerate, and there was no alternative to Thatcher policies. All this has clearly not gone wrong now simply because Mr Kinnock has driven his party to

discard much of what had made it unelectable. For Labour still offers nothing that is persuasive in its own right. There is not the slightest sign that it is ready with OF EVEIL 25 111 1704 with a beguiling mirage, to attract voters. Labour's prospects rest only on the hope that, with the collapse of the political centre, it will look just about politically respectable enough to be the beneficiary of the Govern-ment's self-inflicted defeat. Either party could win the

next election, and everything depends on how the Government performs from now on. Its



handicap is not simply its wrong turning in economic management, but voters' stored memory of the Thatcher record in this Parliament. It has fallen into two possibly fatal political traps.

irst, it has developed the psychological flaw which afflicts almost all politicians who have been conspicuously successful in battles against heavy odds. History is littered with great leaders who come to feel invincible. Confidence turns into foolhardiness, brushed aside as weakness or treachery. (Thus critics of the poll tax, even from the economic right of the party, are denigrated as wet.) In this hubristic spirit, will-power is supposed to vanquish all opposition until events prove the contrary.

Second, Mrs Thatcher's Government has allowed itself to become narrowly doctrinaire in outlook. To say this is not at all to criticize the economic policies and theories with which it reversed inflation, privatized in-dustry, unleashed the opportunity to regenerate industry by enterprise and made many people much more prosperous.

Mrs Thatcher brought great courage in standing against the influences in her own party which would have undermined these policies. But it was perhaps that fight against the so-called wets, and the uncompromising stance she had to take, which moulded her permanent deas the best method of defence. What was a necessary expedient has become a trouble-laden habit. It is always politically disastrons to become so attached to a single doctrine or set of attitudes as to believe that they are self-sufficient and need neither enlargement or adjustment. Yet too often the Government has seemed to assume that freemarket doctrine, in its simple

sense, was enough, provided the old social systems of the welfare state were broadly maintained, figures of higher social spending could be trotted out, and there was a little administrative tinkering (on the NHS, for instance,

or targeting welfare benefits)." In deeper social thinking there has been comparatively little interest. For example, though it used to be fashionable in the Government to talk about the "social market", Mrs Thatcher has never been interested in its real relevance, which (as in West Germany) is to combine a total market system for making the economy prosperous with a comprehensive and thoroughly thought-out social system which benefits from the prosperity. (For instance, she has never agreed that constructive worker participation in firms is a way of diminishing the more destruc-tive kind of union power.) The Conservative Party has

always been a party with basic

principles which guide its adap-tation to historical change in politics, and a belief in flexibility in action. Increasingly in recent years, however, the Government has given the impression of seeming to wish to answer the inflexible dogma which has guided Labour by a dogma of its own. Even the present economic downturn arises from this flaw.

f when the budget surpluses were piling up and the economy was booming, more of the proceeds had been applied to the infrastructure and less to national debt repayment, we might both have had a more efficient economy and (especially if credit restraint had been applied more quickly) avoided the inflationary credit boom in the private sector. But it has been assumed that what is not (yet) convenient for privatization is not well placed to claim investment.

In part, the Government's errors arise from the length of its time in office. New problems arise each day, but new thoughts for dealing with them are less easily come by. And so the Cabinet has become inwardlooking, rigid and prope to mechanistic thinking. It is this that has made it cling to the poll tax, patching and stitching as it went, to try to remedy each snag as it emerges, only to find another one. Much the same applies to the patched-up scheme for student loans. There has developed an unwillingness to read the writing on the wall or even to take public opinion seriously. In all this, the public She is so head and shoulders above her Cabinet that it is bound to be so. It is essential for the Tories, in the decisive year ahead, that she should listen not only to the disciples of the established political creed, but to critics and to public opinion. For the simple political fact about almost all the Government's current difficulties is that they are of its own making.

hild care — the allowances that go begging

Edwina Currie on support for working mothers that is widely ignored

heard of the "demographic time-bomb", the coming drop in the number of school leavers which will force employers to look with more interest at such exotica as the elderly, black people and women to fill their vacancies in the next decade. By 1995, according to the Department of Employment, 80 per cent of all new jobs will have to be taken by women. But the main group still available for employment women with young children presents a problem

A Gallup survey for the CBI last year showed that 21 per cent of women with young children who are not working (and as many as 41 per cent of all singleparent mothers who are not) would return to work immediately if suitable arrangements could be made for the children. For many women, child care, or some form of employer contribution towards it, will make the difference between choosing to work and being unable to choose, yet only 3 per cent of employers have started to think about "the perk of the Nineties".

It is widely believed that there are no tax incentives, and loud are the calls from pressure groups for the Government to do more. But there are tax reliefs, starting with the business itself. Any employer who pays for or towards child care for employees, or who runs a facility on company premises, can treat the expense just like most other costs of employment (the canteen or company gym, for exam-ple); and this includes capital costs. The costs come out of the profits declared against tax, and it may well be cheaper to offer child care than to pay overtime or to recruit and train a new employee in a time of shortage.

Of course, subsidized child care is treated as a "benefit in kind" for income tax purposes, but a company which pays directly for child care will find there is no Class I employers' national insurance to pay. Compared with the cost of paying an equivalent cash sum to the working mother, that is a saving

to the business of up to 10.45 per cent for a typical employee. And the mother, in turn, does not have to pay national insurance on the benefit; so this already amounts to a subsidy of nearly 20 per cent from the Exchequer. There is another concession. Provided her total annual income, including benefits-inkind, is less than £8,500, a working mother does not pay income tax on the benefits. This is an arbitrary limit, and has not been increased since 1981, but it should help many women who work part time, and many others in low-paid work, below the ceiling of £165 per week.

The rest of us have to pay tax, usually by an adjustment of the PAYE code. The move to independent taxation next month will benefit millions of women. It is clearly cheaper for a woman to take advantage of child care benefit-in-kind, and pay tax on it, than to pay for such care herself out of income after tax and national insurance.

Taking a cut in salary in exchange for benefit-in-kind can be a gain. Suppose I earn £8,500. After tax and national insurance, I have £6,460. Paying for a nursery place could bring my net income down to under £4,500 barely half my gross income. However, if my company pays

directly for the nursery place and reduces my salary so that its costs are identical, I will be nearly £300 a year better off. If my salary plus the £2,000 nursery place total just less than the £8,500 limit, I will be more than £600 better off, and my company will be nearly £200 in pocket too. Here is the tax relief effective but largely unknown

The most expensive kind of child care is the nanny. This involves paying employer's national insurance contributions for the nanny out of taxed income. so the working mother may well find that she is working for peanuts. The nanny may be clearing more than she is. To pay to tell everyone about how the her namy a gross salary of Exchequer can help. Fortu-

£7,200, a working mother paying 25 per cent marginal tax rate must earn more than £10,600. I looked at some sums recently for a woman earning £17,000 employing a nanny at £7,200 (which is not excessive in London). If she can persuade her company to pay the nanny direct. she can take a cut of as much as £7,000 in her own salary (leaving the employer's costs much the same), have the nanny and be almost £1,200 a year better off. She may lose some pension rights, but with the cash in hand, she can make her own arrangements to cover the gap. The gain is even bigger if the mother

bracket to the lower one. None of these concessions is secret, but they are hardly used. Why not? Because few know about them. If the Government really wants to promote wom-en's opportunities in the job market, it can do no better than

moves down from the higher tax

nately, job-market pressures are finally forcing employers to be more imaginative.

There are substantial savings for the Government, too, if single parents currently on benefit return to work, even parttime, as many wish to do. The Department of Employment pays single mothers on Employment Training £50 a week towards child care, but many mothers in low-paid jobs are unable to find similar sums out of taxed income, so they give up and go back on the dole, which benefits nobody.

The job market in many parts' of Britain, not just the South-east, is already uncomfortably tight; half the employers in East Anglia, for example, have recruitment problems. We need women at work if we are not to slide into inflationary com-petition for the shrinking num-bers in the young workforce. I hope more employers will investigate the concessions that exist, take professional advice, and make full use of them. The author is Conservative MP for Derbyshire South.

Cogito maxime, ergo sumo not believe it. It was too late; some other twins got the parts seriously embarked on their downwardly mobile careers. Max The o-icho-mage in which hair is

My grandtwins are now collectively six-and-a-half years old. One of them is identical, but as we keep forgetting which one, my daughter has grown Max a pigtail (or possibly it is Harry who has the pigtail). Anyway, that is how we tell them apart. When we see the twins, we no longer ask which is which; we say "remind me which one has the pigtail", and my daughter, their mother, says MP (or possibly Harry with the Pigtail like HP). I like having grandtwins in Battersea, hope this is mutual; I mean I hope Max and Harry like having me as a grandfather quite far

Last year, before they started going to pre-play-school and were just terrorizing Battersea, they did an audition to play the Kray
Twins in a film: it was for a scene
early on, before they (the Krays)

and Harry did not get the parts. The director asked one of them to take the other's toys, then have the other pull a knife on him. He said: "Action", and Max grabbed Harry's teddy bear as instructed. Harry watched, smiled, gave Max his jigsaw and his plastic mallet and then hugged him. The director said: "Next." My disconsolate darehter telephoned consolate daughter telephoned and said it was no good. I asked why. She said it was because they did not take direction - so I told her that this was exactly what the Krays did not take; judges and the people at Broadmoor would confirm my statement if she did to grow his and we have sent off

and there remain, roaming around Battersea for all but a couple of pre-play-school hours five mornings a week, a brace of three and a quarter-year-old boys each weighing three and a half stone — which is a substantial weight for children of that age. I would like them to take up the friendly and convivial sport of sumo, for which they are ideally built. Naturally I accept that it will be some years before they can enter even the lowest jonokuchi division, but time is on their side,

as is the length of Max's hair.

Harry (if it is Harry) will just have



FREUD

for bintsuke, the sumo's superglue pomade, richly scented with oil of camellia, which keeps hair in place during bouts, though until they make the rankings they can tie their hair in a topknot. pulled back, tied and then doubled forward in a fan shaped like a leaf of the sacred ginkgo tree, goes with success - as does the personal attention of a tokoyama, the oriental Vidal Sassoon figure who bows a lot and travels with his traditional case of boxwood combs.

Sumo wrestlers wear a 30ft loin cloth known as mawashi, which is folded lengthwise to eight inches, wrapped around the waist, passed between the legs and knotted at the back. None of this is as crucial as building them up on the recognized diet of chankonabe, the all-embracing stew cooked in containers the size of

washbasins. A typical chanko will be bite-sized chunks of pork or chicken or fish, flavoured with sugar and soy, with which are simmered carrots and onions, cabbege, leek, spinsch and mushrooms, ton and been paste. It is not the stew that is greatly fattening; it is the huge emounts consumed, the many bowls of rice caten as accompa ment, the serious quantities of beer and sake drunk therewith and the fried noodles that are

go down. What I find especially attractive about the sumo profession is the esteem in which successful

caten as between-meal anacks.

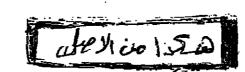
which make the bathroom scales

competitors are held. Once in the makonouchi division, wrestlers assume the mantle of male gri-shas, get invited to lend prestige to dinner parties, are photographed with distinguished guests, given great wadges of tax-free folding money which, I have explained to the boys, is tra-ditionally sent home to benefit

the old folks.

As I write, Max and Harry are training in the basement of their house in Battersea. The ring is a little short of the 14ft 10in regulation size; their mawashis are fashioned of tattered ties no lease training the first may be their may be the same training to the same training traini onger used by their grandfather but the game's the thing: they are already really proficient at throw-ing salt, and in yesterday's bout one of them emerged the winner by tsuri drishi . . . or it might have been the other. Sumo with real wrestlers is shown on Channel 4

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FOURTH ESTATE IN FLUX

There has been a remarkable flowering of new newspapers and journals in Central and Eastern Europe — 400 in Hungary since the fall of Janos Kadar in May 1988, nearly 600 in Poland since last August. There is a tremendous hunger for news, and a wholesale rejection of propaganda. Readers are defecting from the party papers, which are struggling with mixed success to distance themselves from party dogma and adopt a completely new philosophy of reporting and comment.

The impression is that the collapse of the communist monopoly of information has been even more complete than that of the parties which used the media as their mouthpiece. The reality is more complex. The old Nomenklatura remains well entrenched. Some of the new media, particularly in Hungary, remain in party hands. The party monopoly of newsprint, printing presses, distribution facilities and even newspaper kiosks is only beginning to be broken.

Many of the new papers are struggling on shoestring budgets, lacking both the equipment and the management skills needed to survive in what are becoming highly competitive markets. Genuinely independent newspapers. those without ties to the Church, to old or new political parties or to movements such as Civil Forum in Czechoslovakia, are few, and will fail unless they find their feet as commercial ventures.

All the countries of the former Soviet bloc are entering periods of austerity as they struggle to convert to free market systems. Even in the euphoria of freedom, popular assent for painful economic reforms is by no means assured. The existence of a flourishing independent press providing accurate information and a forum for debate could make the difference between success and failure.

In some respects, the nascent free press is a victim of the economic reforms. In Poland, newsprint subsidies were abolished on January 1. Overnight, prices trebled to world market levels and, even though most of the larger papers are overstaffed, paper and ink now account for 70 per cent or more of costs.

Strains on family budgets mean there is little scope for raising newspaper prices, while advertising, as elsewhere in Eastern Europe, is extremely under-developed.

The news industry is unlikely to survive in a healthy state without Western aid, investment and technical assistance. Britain already finances training for journalists under a programme set up for Poland last June and to be extended to Hungary and Czechoslovakia. That is important, particularly in areas such as business and court reporting where skills are scarce. Quite as vital, however, are advice on new technology and commercial skills which, because they are so alien, are held in some contempt: newspaper accounting, the creation of advertising departments and distribution and circulation techniques.

That is where Western news organizations could play a role. This week, at the request of six leading Western media associations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization held a two-day meeting in Paris to give East European editors the opportunity to explain their needs to Western colleagues and potential investors.

Altruism and commercial interest should march hand in hand. The first joint ventures have already been launched in Hungary and Poland, and more proposals were put forward in Paris. The market in Eastern and Central Europe has considerable potential, but at this period of transition to the market-place, most newspapers are not yet commercial propositions. There is also understandable anxiety, particularly in East Germany, about being swallowed up as junior partners of Western

For Unesco, this exploratory meeting is a test of its willingness to break with two decades of attempting to corral the media and return to its original mission of promoting the "free flow of ideas". For the Western press, it is a challenge, as the rebirth of democracy in Eastern Europe enters a testing phase, to translate its belief in the freedom of the press

ONE CHEER FOR RANGOON

Campaigning began officially this week for Burma's general election in late May - its first multi-party poll for 29 years. Six major political parties and more than 100 minor ones are preparing to fight over 491 seats.

The less good news is that martial law is still in place, with a curfew which is rigorously observed. The number of political prisoners remains high. Last week's report on human rights from the US State Department said that a conservative estimate of politically motivated arrests during 1989 would be at least 4,000. All election publications will be censored and although political rallies are permitted they will take place behind a screen of watchful soldiers. No foreign scrutineers are being admitted.

The military junta's leading political opponent, Mrs Aung San Suu Kyi, has been under house arrest since last July. She is the daughter of the revered General Aung San, who led Burma to independence, and her National League for Democracy would almost certainly win a free poll. As it is, she has been banned from even standing: one reason appears to be that she is married to an Englishman. U Nu, the last elected Burmese Premier, has also been barred from putting himself forward.

Burma's history since independence reads like a tragedy in three acts. The central figure in the longest of them is General Ne Win. He overthrew U Nu in 1962 and established a ruinous dictatorship from which the country has not even begun to recover. Although forced to "retire" in 1988, he has continued to exercise power behind the scenes. Meanwhile all pro-democracy demonstrations have been forcibly, often brutally, suppressed.

The evidence suggests that the May elections are intended to deceive those Western powers (they include Britain) which have cut off aid. The National Unity Party, favoured by the junta, has alone been given a free hand by Rangoon. Thus the mantle of power may be slipped over its shoulders without the Army (or Ne Win) feeling the draught. Few inside or outside Burma are likely to be impressed by such a charade.

General Sam Maung and his junta are driven by a form of misplaced nationalism. They profess to see both communists and right-wing dissidents behind every manifestation of protest. Burma sorely needs to end its isolation and re-qualify for foreign aid. Now classed as the ninth poorest country in the world, it felt impelled last year to sell valuable teak logging concessions to neighbouring Thailand - whose businessmen are now stripping one of Burma's last remaining assets. The uprooting of thousands of people from the cities and their enforced resettlement in the countryside is the latest sign of the junta's paranoia. A visiting group of West German parliamentarians has accused it of torture and illegal imprisonment.

The one thing to which opponents of the regime may look forward with any hope is the death of Ne Win. Rumours about his health remain conflicting. On the one hand they say that at the age of 78 he still plays a regular, if restricted, game of tennis. Others talk of a steady trickle of foreign doctors summoned to his well-protected villa.

It is still possible that the poll will produce a result unwelcome to the junta. That, however, does not mean that a transfer of power would automatically ensue: the Army promises only a period of consultation during which constitutional change will be considered.

The most that may be said for the election is that it provides a distant glimmer of light. Meanwhile the world's growing family of democracies should continue to make clear to the junta the opprobrium in which it is held.

Russians in Prague From Mr Colin M. Lawson

Sir, In an exclusive despatch for the Daily Express from Prague in August, 1968, I revealed how the Soviet Union occupied the city within four hours by seizing Prague airport with an armed group flown in earlier in the day under the pretext of a special delegation visiting the Soviet Em-

They then directed the arrival by transport aircraft of two armoured brigades, which were in the city centre by midnight. Meanwhile, five Warsaw Pact armoured divisions took over the rest of Czechoslovakia by more orthodox means - i.e., by road within 36 hours.

May I ask why, then, it is taking the Soviet Union nearly 18 months to evacuate the Red Army's 73,000 troops (report, February 27)? Shortage of housing in Russia is given as one reason. Shortage of housing in Czechoslovakia did not prevent the Red Army from throwing Czechs from their homes or hotels from being requisitioned in 1968.

Yours faithfully, COLIN M. LAWSON, Hove, East Sussex. February 27.

Bicycles by rail

From the Reverend Father Christopher Delaney Sir, Every year I go cycling on the Continent and make my own travelling arrangements. And every year I find the hardest task is getting the bike to the coast by British Rail. Once at the quayside

the rest is plain sailing. First, it is necessary to book the

London, and then to discover that there is no room for the cycle on the train. At Victoria Station there is another not inconsiderable payment on the boat train for the bike which has to be pushed into a hopelessly overloaded luggage van. If the bike is registered at Victoria Station and thereby sent separately, I run the risk of having

to wait at the other end for the

bike on train, in my case to

machine for perhaps two days. Furthermore, last year on the return journey, I was nearly arrested at Victoria Station for collecting my bike from the luggage van (having put it there myself in the first place) because the van happened to be for registered luggage only and was therefore impounded until passed by the customs. This is all a far cry from Robin Neillands' happy account of cycling holidays (Re-view, February 17). Yours faithfully,

C. DELANEY. Saint Mary's Priory, 67 Talbot Street, Canton, Cardiff. February 20.

Forth Bridge scale

From Professor R. A. Smith Sir. The article on Forth Bridge (Review, February 24) was very timely: I used the pictures on display boards I prepared to celebrate the bridge's centenary. The picture of Benjamin Baker's three man demonstration of the cantilever principle is well known. A contemporary description provided a vivid explanation of the scale of the bridge:

Imagine the chairs one-third of a mile apart and the men's heads as high as the cross of St Paul's, their arms represented by huge larnce steel girders and the sticks by tabes

12 feet in diameter at the base, and a very good notion of the structure is obtained.

The Japanese man in the centre not only "represented the en-gineer's debt to the East for the idea" (a rather fanciful notion) but was Kaichi Watanabe, who after studying as a research student under Lord Kelvin at the University of Glasgow worked as a junior engineer on the project.

On his return to Japan Watanabe became chief engineer of the Japan Public Works Company and played a major part in the modernisation of Japan. He was typical of many of the brighter students of Meiji Japan who came to Britain to receive technological training at that time. Yours faithfully, RODERICK A. SMITH, University of Sheffield, Department of Mechnical and Process Engineering, Mappin Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire,

Proven identity

February 26.

February 25.

From Miss Jane M. Reynolds Sir, Obeying the injunction to keep one's cheque guarantee card separate from one's cheque book, I found myself in Sainsbury's with no other means of identification except my kidney donor card. This was accepted without any hesitation.

The management considered that I must be "me" because I would not be carrying another Derson's card. Yours sincerely JANE REYNOLDS, Sandal, 68 Firs Road, West Mersea. Colchester, Essex

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

heat illness

From Dr Alan Porter Sir, The recent court martial of Lieutenant Gordon Smith (report, February 22) is disquieting. There is much direct and circumstantial.
evidence of widespread ignorance
among Service instructors about
heat illness and this is the third
known occasion an instructor has mistreated a serviceman seriously ill or dying of the condition. It is inconceivable that instructors would act in this way if they had been informed about prevention recognition and first aid and if they had received clear orders about how to react to a collapse.

I have a folder of letters extending back over six years that demonstrates that the Ministry of Defence and Service authorities have reacted with a mixture of indifference and ignorance whilst resenting outside interest.

The charges laid against seutenant Smith seem to me to deflect blame away from the Ministry of Defence. Yours faithfully, ALAN PORTER 37 Upper Gordon Road, Camberley, Surrey. February 26.

'Private' cars

From Mr M. Gunnell Sir, Mr J. H. Stanton claims (February 27) that two thirds of motor cars are company-owned and company paid-for, and that the company car needs controlling to alleviate congestion. Only 14 per cent of cars on Britain's roads are registered in company names according to the Lex Report on Motoring, 1990.

Mr Stanton may have been referring to the fact that last year between 55 and 60 per cent of new car purchases were paid for with company cheques; after two to three years these cars become "privately" owned.

As the vast majority of company cars are not "perks" but workhorses — essential tools to the salesman or engineer's trade abolishing them would solve nothing. The claim that they would be at a loss financially by using other forms of transport becomes meaningless, because they would have no option but to buy and run a car privately, claiming costs back from the company, in order to fulfil their job requirements.

Thus there would be little or no effect on congestion, although we would probably see more breakdowns.

Yours faithfully MIKE GUNNELL (Editor, Fleet News), Emap Response Publishing Ltd., Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. February 27.

A pretty pass

From Mr J. St. Bodfan Gruffydd Sir, Revisiting my birth-place recently, I plucked up courage to look at the Dinorwic pump storage scheme near Llanberis, in Gwynedd. Thinking of the tremendous fight the amenity and conservation bodies had to persuade the CEGB through Parliament to at least carry out the proposal in the least damaging way, I approached the site with some trepidation.

There, in place of the viewblocking dams originally proposed at each end of Llyn Peris, were modest embankments, quite inconspicuous in the scale of the surrounding mountains. The view from the foot of Llyn Padan is still clear right up Llanberis Pass and Nant Peris village still enjoys its normal climate.

This is an excellent example of how schemes of this kind can be carried out and the CEGB is to be congratulated on acting on the advice that was given. Would that this had been done with the same care at Cwm Dyli, near Nantgwyn-

Yours faithfully, J. ST. BODFAN GRUFFYDD, Black Hill, Jubilee Drive, Malvern, Hereford and Worcester.

Brighton organ

From Mr Leonard Lazell Sir, Restoration of the dome at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton is now almost complete (report, February 24) at a cost of £9.3 million. Well done, but please spare a thought for the colossal but quite magnificent concert organ inside, neglected, dusty, dirty and unplayed, when for the necessary expenditure in maintenance the instrument could be returned to its former glory. Must its majestic voice be silent for ever? Yours sincerely, LEONARD LAZELL, Phoenix House, 5 Redleaf Close, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Chinese tea race From Captain P. E. Du Vivier, RN

Sir, Mr Ronald Macdonald's letter (February 24) about the Chinese tea race recounts a most impressive feat of seamanship. For the record, and to complete the pic-ture, it may be of interest to your readers to know that, in addition to the Taiping and Ariel, three other clippers came together off the Scilly Isles in the same race. The Serica had sailed from

China in close company, while the Fiery Cross had an advantage of some 14 hours and the Taitsing crossed the bar of the Mong river about a day behind. At journey's end the Serica docked on the same tide as the Ariel and Taiping, all ships having spent all but a day or two of their 99-day voyage out of sight of each other.

MoD attitude to Cut and thrust over the poll tax

From Councillor R. W. Ainsworth
Sir, There are far too many people,
from the Prime Minister downwho "will save £1,000 a year" and from the Prime Minister down-wards, generalising about the rea-sons for the poll tax levels. Some of your recent correspondents (February 17, 26, 27) are making the same mistake.

In reality, the situation is very complex and varies enormously between each local authority, not least because the scale of change in the financial framework, including a new grant-distribution formula and the national non-domestic rate, has a different effect for each authority.

We are a Labour-controlled council. Our 1990-91 budget is 8.9 per cent up on 1989-90, primarily because of pay awards, particularly the local government offi-cers' settlement of 8.8 per cent, and Government legislation (poll tax and the Education Reform Act). No massive growth here, yet our poll tax is £394. Why? Compared to rates there is a loss of income from the non-domestic sector of some £9.5 million, adding £43 to our poll tax.

The Government's target of £329 assumes everyone registers and pays. This is clearly unrealistic. After a year's experience Scottish authorities are now budgeting, on average, for a loss of 5 per cent, equal to £21 on our poll

What is needed is some measured assessment during the coming months to understand the significance of each of the various

factors influencing poll tax levels. What is clear now, at whatever level of poll tax, is the gross injustice of the system itself with its enormous redistribution of burden from houses with a high rateable value (the rich?) to those with a low rateable value. Yours faithfully, BOB AINSWORTH (Chairman,

Finance Committee), Coventry City Council, The Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, West Midlands.

From Mr Sidney Sugarman Sir, While Jack Straw (article, February 26) inveighs against "the morality" of the poll tax there are good reasons for questioning the morality of his own argument,

Cheese control

From Mr Peter Pugson Sir, Charles Hennessy ("Safety tests to be sniffed at", Review, "Safety February 24) outlines the serious problems facing cheese producers in this country. It is well toremember that 12 multiple supermarkets control 73 per cent of the food market and very few supermarkets boast the range of cheese he describes.

Whilst the proposed temperature controls are relevant to dead foods - i.e., cooked/chill meals - they are anathema to live cludes many English cheeses, not

The Specialist Cheesemakers' Association are setting hygiene standards to be monitored by the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service for their members, most of whom make cheese from fresh milk - i.e., direct from the cow to the cheese parlour - as opposed to the bland majority whose milk comes from various

From Mr D. Battensby Sir, Offering vouchers to pay for training and career development (Mr Ashby's letter, February 15) assumes that the individual can assess and determine the right path for training which leads to ultimate employment. This can be a false assumption, especially in the case of unskilled workers.

Only employers create jobs. Many small/medium businesses find the cost and risk of increasing their labour force too high in times of economic uncertainty. Most prefer to recruit direct and train their own workforce in specific skills looking more for personal attributes of zeal, flexibility, discipline and reasonable articulacy

Hiness on planes From Mr B. H. Lingard Sir, I read with interest your report (February 24) concerning the in-creased incidence of illness aboard

round trip involving four two-hour scheduled flights on popular short-haul aircraft. Passenger aircraft are now tailored down to provide the smallest ergonomically acceptable dimensions in every direction. Aisle widths are ridiculously narrow, seat widths are minimal, and seat back-to-back measurements, even in Club class, are agonising for people of quite modest leg lengths.

Incidentally, Ariel, having been in the van to pick up the Dungeness pilot first, was beaten by a short head as Taiping secured a tug in the Thames in better time. The feat of the Elle et Vire is no ss impressive. However, I wonder whether this modern craft has it in her to do it again and again and without the aid of instant communications. Yours sincerely, PAUL DU VIVIER, 61 Woodbury Avenue,

Petersfield, Hampshire. From Mr Gordon Clarkson Sir, Mr Ronald Macdonald wrote with enthusiasm about the tea clippers' race of 1866 and its remarkable result, the Taiping docking in London just half-anhour ahead of the Ariel after 99

another "couple in an adjoining street who will have to find an extra £500 for the new tax". By his own definition the poll

tax is a flat-rate tax, based on the principle of the individual's duty to contribute towards the cost of the services provided for every-body's use. But his hypothetical example fails to take into account the familiar example of the widow living out her last years in the family home, required under the present system to pay (using Straw's own figures) seven or eight times as much in rates as the "couple living in Suffolk Street". The widow might have little more than her pension; the Suffolk Street couple could both be wage-earners: indeed, Straw's "rows of 19th-century terraced houses' may each have three or four adult wage-earners with an aggregate income far outstripping the wid-

The widow is by no means hypothetical. In this area there are many widows, in modest flats, who have to pay £1,000 yearly in rates, while their younger neighbours, enjoying the same local-authority services while living in shared or rented accommodation, might pay nothing at all. These, together with others who in the past have paid little or nothing towards the rates, would naturally prefer the present system to continue unchanged.

If there are going to be cases of an "excessive burden on the shoulders of the poor and the worst off" it should not be impossible to ensure that such cases will receive appropriate consideration and relief. But to describe the new system as an 'iniquity" because it brings into the area of fiscal responsibility those groups who until now have enjoyed the benefits without contributing to the costs is surely a gross misuse of terms. ours faithfully,

sources mixed in the back of a

Cheese Guild is, with the coun-

try's leading dairy college at Reaseneath in Cheshire, creating a

six-part training scheme, financed

by leading cheesemakers in Eng-

land and overseas. It will com-

mence in September, 1990, with

the first diplomas awarded in July,

Although no encouragement,

either moral or financial, has yet

come from the Government,

many leading multiples are

scheme, as well as specialist independents. Let's hope that the

politicians and bureaucrats will

take note and not, through ig-

norance of the product, legislate

these fine cheeses out of existence.

Cliff House, 6 Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Yours faithfully, PETER PUGSON,

UK Cheese Guild,

February 26.

At the same time the UK

SUGARMAN, Airthrey Court, 5 Wilderton Road Branksome Park. Poole, Dorset. February 26.

tanker.

just French ones.

and numeracy in those recruited. Training vouchers

It would encourage employers to recruit more staff if vouchers were given to the unemployed, who in turn gave them to the employer to offset the cost of onthe job training and the risk of increasing his payroll costs. With such a system we would be helping the economy and encouraging small businesses to create jobs, real jobs that the unemployed can

> Yours faithfully, D. BATTENSBY (Chairman), Actem (UK) Ltd. (Engineering fabricators), 10 Davy Drive NW Industrial Estate. Peteriee, Co. Durham. February 21.

the case that every seat will be taken up, leaving no relief to the. serried ranks of bodies. Small wonder then that, against this stressful background, those who do not enjoy the best of health may succumb to illness during flights. The time has surely passenger aircraft. The previous day I had completed a seven-day come when much more generous

provision for aisle widths and seat dimensions, together with much stricter requirements for hand ggage, are imposed on shorthaul flights, despite the con-sequential increases which would result for passenger fares. Yours faithfully, B. H. LINGARD, 77 Cheyne Court, Royal Hospital Road, SW3. It now seems almost inevitably February 26.

> days' sailing from Foo Chon. He and other enthusiasts may like to know that this historic event is commemorated in a fine painting of the two vessels beating up the Channel under full sail, a splendid

> The painting can be seen at the Scottish Fisheries Museum in Anstruther, Fife, where it is held with pride, especially because of its local connections. The Ariel was under the command of Captain Keay, of Anstruther, and the Taiping was one of a line of clippers owned by another An-struther man, and former fisherman, Captain Rodger.

Yours sincerely, GORDON CLARKSON, Bay Tree Cottage, West Burn Lane St Andrews, Fife.

Museum site for Docklands

From Lord Lovell-Davis Sir., The Chief Executive of the London Docklands Development Corporation (February 21) writes that "the LDDC's substantial support for [the Docklands Muscum] project over the past eight years ... has not yet led to a decision by the Muscum of London to go ahead with an achievable scheme". This is an

over-simplification. The Museum of London approached the LDDC in 1982 with a three-point plan: 1. The life and work of the area

should be recorded before the great changes in Docklands took 2. The LDDC should select and preserve historic buildings and structures which could be adapted

to serve the new and old commu-3. An area and buildings should be designated by the LDDC to pro-vide a museum of international importance devoted to London's

port and industries. This was accepted by the corporation. The first element has been substantially achieved and has resulted in the formation of an internationally important collection; I leave others to comment on the success of the conservation policy for historic buildings, but the new museum has not been

The chance of raising the necessarily large sums for such a jewel in the redeveloped Docklands crown has never been tested because, despite four separate and carefully thought-out proposals from the steering committee set up to oversee the museum, the LDDC never committed themselves to a site, nor put sufficient pressure on a developer to find

In 1988 we were nearly there. A joint working party was formed beween the LDDC and the Museum of London which reported in June of that year that the best and possibly last opportunity to realise the new museum was in historic buildings at the Royal Victoria Dock.

Detailed proposals for this scheme were presented to the LDDC in January, 1989. Soon after this, however, the LDDC were proposing a much smaller scheme in commercial premises at the North Quay of West India Dock. They argued that the anticipated redevelopment of the Royal Docks was a long way off and that they could not go on supporting the project indefinitely.

In December, 1989, given these realities, the Museum of London and the steering committee agreed to pursue the North Quay option and the LDDC undertook to provide funding to enable the project to go forward over three years from April 1, 1990. The financial offer was suddenly withdrawn in January (report, February 2, later editions) placing at risk both our current services and eight years of intensive work to find a permanent home for the

museum. Yours sincerely, LOVELL-DAVIS (Acting Chairman, Museum in Docklands Steering Committee), The Museum of London, London Wall, EC2.

NHS reforms

February 27.

From Mr D. J. Moss Sir, Your correspondent, Dr Oscar Hill (February 9) must be spending too much time in Harley Street, for he surely underesti-mates the ability of NHS managers and clinicians to handle the present wave of reforms. Dr Hill also confuses the achievement of NHS trust status with the implementation of workload contracts for patient activity.

Southampton General Hospital, which is one of the largest teaching hospitals in the United Kingdom, will not be an NHS trust by April I, 1991, but we will be well prepared to offer workload contracts to a wide range of health authorities by that date. Indeed we will have over 16 regional specialties on a shadow contract basis from April 1, 1990.

We welcome the opportunity to be paid for the volume and complexity of the work that we carry out and, if we are successful, this can only benefit teaching and research.

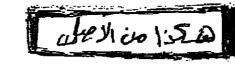
Yours sincerely, D. J. MOSS (General Manager), Southampton General Hospital, Southampton, Hampshire.

February 12. In case of need

From Mrs Susan C. Balsom
Sir, Trying to reach Aberystwyth
yesterday in the rail chaos that
followed recent storms, I eventually boarded a crowded train from Euston. After half an hour and several apologies for a delayed departure due to staff shortages, there came a desperate plea over the intercom: "Would any pas-senger who is a British Rail guard please come forward".

I wonder whether Times readers have other variations of "Is there a doctor in the house?" cris de Yours faithfully SUSAN C. BALSOM, Y Glyn, Llanfarian, Aberystwyth, Dyfed. February 28.

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COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 28: Senor Enrique
Baron Crespo (President of the
European Parliament) was received by The Queen.
His Excellency Mr Tasos
Panayides (High Commissioner
for Cyprus and Doyen of the
Diplomatic Corps) was received
by The Queen when Her
Majesty invested him with the
Insignia of an honorary Knight
Grand Cross of the Royal
Victorian Order.
The Queen and The Duke of

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained at dinner this evening by His Excellency the New Zealand High Commissioner at 43 Chelsea Square, London SW3.

The Duchess of Grafton and the Right Hon Sir William Hesselting were in attendance.

Heseltine were in attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh,
President, Parliamentary and
Scientific Committee, attended
the Annual Lunch of the Comtee at the Savoy Hotel,

London WC2. Afterwards His Royal High-Afterwards His Royal High-ness, as Patron of the National Trust's Appeal "Enterprise Neptune", launched the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the Ap-peal at the National Trust Headquarters, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1. Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE February 28: Colonel M.ff. Woodhead today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Maler's) trace polimerists to Wales's), upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the

Regiment. Major-General M. G. Swindells also had the bonour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Colonel of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's).
Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother was present this evening at a Gala Performance of La Traviata at the London Coliseum given in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund to mark the 50th Anniversary of

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in

Greville Wynne, who died in hospital in London on Feb-

ruary 27, aged 71, was the British businessman who, as

an agent of British intelligence in the early 1960s, was the intermediary between West-

ern intelligence services and

Oleg Penkovsky, a senior officer in the Soviet military intelligence service who be-

came a valuable source of

Wynne's role at the height of the Cold War was an

important one, and the suc-

cess of his dangerous role as

go-between, in what was

considered to be one of the most important post-war

intelligence operations, was a

feather in the cap of British intelligence in the aftermath of

the Burgess and Maclean set-

backs. The information

Wynne obtained in this period

included the names and photographs of around 300

agents of the Soviet Union

and other Warsaw pact coun-

tries; the details of Soviet

missile sites; an analysis of

military manpower and weapon production, and, of

particular interest, the

nformation that Khrushchev

had allowed important guid-

ance equipment, which was at

that time in very short supply, to be sent with the rockets that

were being installed in Cuba.

intelligence authorities caught

up with both Wynne and Penkovsky. Wynne was arrested while on a business

trip to Budapest in 1962 and

sentenced to eight years hard labour from which he was

released in 1964 and returned

to Britain in exchange for the

Soviet spy Gordon Lonsdale.

Anthony Clare Greville

Wynne was born in Shrop-

shire in 1919 and spent his

early childhood in South

Wales where his father worked

for an engineering company.

Wynne himself studied en-

gineering extra-murally at Nottingham University in the

During the war he worked in British intelligence. After-wards he established himself

in an export business in

electrical equipment, which served as useful cover for him

when MI6 chose him, in 1960,

years before the war.

In the event, the Soviet

KENSINGTON PALACE February 28: The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Sports Association for the Disabled, attended the Association's BSAD Media Awards Lunch at Inn on the Park, Hamilton Place, Wi.

Mrs Max Pike, Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, and Mr Richard Arbiter

KENSINGTON PALACE February 28: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Chesh-ire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for

Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire (the Viscount Leverhulme, KG).
In the morning His Royal Highness opened the Vale Royal Groundwork Trust Offices, Marston, and subsequently opened the new Senior School building at the Grange School, Hartford.
In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester visited the Muir

Gloucester visited the Muir Housing Group Rural Scheme, Major Nicholas Barne was in

The Duchess of Gloucester,
Patron, Notting Hill Housing
Trust, today opened "Bramley
Gardens", Freston Road,
London W11. Mrs Howard Page was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 28: Princess Alexandra, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sight Savers), this afternoon visited the Exhibition "A Touch of Art", and Art and Design Competition for Schools and Colleges in aid of Sight Savers, at the Young Designers' Centre, 28 Haymarket, London

Afterwards Her Royal Highness was present at a Reception, held to celebrate the granting of the Royal Charter of Incorporation to the Royal Common-wealth Society for the Blind, at the Commonwealth Trust, 18 Northumberland Avenue, WC2. Miss Mona Mitchell was in

Lady Rose Windsor is ten today.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of the National Society for the Edinburgh will visit the Welsh Guards at Pirbright, Surrey, at The Duke of York's 11.10 on St David's Day.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Colonel of the Edin-burgh and Heriot-Watt Universities Officers Training Corps, will attend a dinner with the Honorary Colonels of the Terri-torial Army in the Lowlands at 51 Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow, at

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a Soirée d'Or at the Royal College of Music at

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer the Savoy Hotel at 7.05.

Prince and Princess Michael of at 32 Chesham Place, SWI, at 11.40; and attend an Opera Evening in aid of the charity and House at 7.30.

The George Washington Ball

Lord Pym, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, Mrs Richard Luce, chairman of the 1990 ball committee, Mrs Anthony Bull, deputy chairman of the committee, and Mr David Hicks, Director-General of the ESU, received the guests at the thirty-sixth George Washington Ball held last night at Grosvenor House. The principal guests included:

Included:
The American Ambassador, the High Commissioner for India and Stefmati Rangolra. The Ambassador for the Federal Republic of Garnamy and Baroness von Richthofen, the Minister for the Aris, the Fermanent Under Secretary of State and Head Winds. The Chairman of the English-Specific Union of Canada and Mrs Lawer and the President of Templeton College, Oxford.

Luncheons Cariton Club Political

Mr Norman Tebbit, CH, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given by the Political Committee of the Cariton Club at the club yes-terday. Sir William van Straubenzee, chairman of the political committee, presided. Mr Victor Gauntlett also spoke.

Junior Chamber of Commerc The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Sheriff Newall, was present at the annual luncheon of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for London, held yesterday as Mansion House. The principal speaker was Mr Robert Reid, Chairman of Shell UK. Miss Corinna O'Brien, President of the Chamber, was in the chair.

Receptions

William Bartholomew Mr William Bartholomew Mr William Bartholomew was host at a reception last night in The Cadogan Hall of The Duke of York's Barracks, London, by kind permission of Brigadier P.C. Bowser, CBE, DL, to celebrate the first anniversary of William Bartholomew Party Organising Many distinguished sts from the arts, commerce and hospitality industry were

Guild of Freemen of the City of London
Mr Clifford J. Newbold, Master
of the Guild of Freemen of the
City of London, and Mrs Newbold were hosts last night at
their last reception of the Guild
Mrs Newbold was Aposthecaries, Hall Year held at Apothecaries' Hall.

The science report appears in the science and technology section, pages 31-34.

Prince Edward will attend a dinner at Guildhall in aid of the Sports Aid Foundation Charitable Trust at 7.15.

Barracks, Chelsea, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal will attend Harry Blech's 80th Birthday gala Concert at the Barbican Centre at 7.30 in aid of the London Mozart Players Endowment Fund The Duke and Duchess of

Gloucester will attend a dinner given by the St David's Day London Weish Celebration at honour at the Horse and Hound

Foundation for Science and

Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the

Royal Society. Mr Denis Filer, Dr Alex Moulton and Mr Les

James also spoke, Among others

present were:
The Earl of Halsbury. Lord
Butterfield. Lord and Lady
Butterworth. Lord Choriey. Lord
Flowers. Lord Choriey. Lord
Flowers. Lord Choriey. Lord
Flowers. Lord Kearton. Lord Neison
of Stafford. Baroness Platt of Writtle.
Professor Sir Hermann Bondt. Sir
Geoffrey Chandler. Professor Sir
Frederick Crawford. Sir Monty
Flomistion. Sir Robert Hickey
Flowers. Lord Robert
Lord. Mr. Mr. Jin Coustas. MP. Mr.
Peter Rost. MP. Mr. Peter Thurnhan.
MP. Mr. Pin Coustas. MP. Mr.
D C M Prichard and Mr Oscar Rotth.

British Field

Institution of

Electrical

Engineers

Sports Society

The British Field Sports Society is holding a jubilee celebration dinner in London, on May 2, 1990. Members wishing to at-

tend should contact their re-gional secretaries Or head office.

The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the class

of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIEE:

use the designation FIEE:
Mr LE. Astruc, Mauritius; Mr C.M.
Botton, Notingham; Mr D.J. Brain,
Laatherhead; Mr W.R. Goodall,
Newbury; Mr LA. Grant, Transvaal;
Mr J.B. Greoory, Reading; Group Capt
G.M. Hinchings, BFPO; Mr R.M.
Hughes, Certards Gross; Mr D.
McIllagger, Belfast; Mr N.S. Rabone,
Gheitham; Mr J.P. Raine, Luton; Mr B.
Suttard, Jersey; Mr S.R. Turnes,
Sierra Leone; Wg Car M. Van Der
Voen, Wolverhampton.

The Council of Radley College

is pleased to announce the appointment to Mr R.M. Morappointment to Mr R.M. Mor-gan, presently Headmaster of Cheitenham College, as Warden of Radley College, in succession to Mr D.R. W. Silk on the latter's

retirement on September 1

Wycombe Abbey

The Crostivante Scholarstey, Laman Kirty Rold Hall School, Telford & Wycombe Abbey), The Walpole Scholarstey, Katherine Hallorston (Rupert House School, The Whitelaw Schoolsrstey (Music): Meghan Perry (Putney High School Jumior School). Exhibitions: Rosemary Balley (Flexiands School): Cadic Chan Gessington Preparatory School & Wycombe Abbey): Danielle Cohen Grupert House School: Sophia Fermers (Berikansted School for Girth): Noom Lipscomb (Codellowe School & Wycombe Abbey): Penalope Millar (Ashdown House School).

Scholarship awards 1990

Radley College

Dinner

present were:

dinner and ball at Grosveno

The firm was founded by Frank Cole's father, Albert Percival Cole, in 1910.

Frank Cole was educated at Technology Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for this upbringing influenced printed, sometimes using as the factory of John Perry in recovered from him strongly. He was a devout

Appointments

CAPTAIN: B M Leavey - Staff of CINCNAVHOME 1.8.90: T Leland -MoD Bath 1.5.90.

MoD Bath 1.8.90.

COMMANDERS: A A AIRSIE - Staff of FO Plymouth 16.7.90: R StJ S 88500 - MoD London 20.7.90: B W Bryant - Staff of FOST 27.7.90: R M Coward - MoD London 19.3.90: B N Darch - RNSC Greenwich 6.4.90: R S B Davies - Staff of CHCNAVHOME 27.2.90: M Dennis-Jones - MoD Bath 19.6.90: C Field - MoD Portland 30.4.90: W R Kelly - MoD London 20.4.90: D A Lewis - Dartmouth 9.7.90: P A Shaw - Staff of CINCFLEET 3.8.90: R B Stone - Drake 27.2.90: J Templeton - MoD Bath 14.8.90.

SURGEON COMMANDERD: P G

SURGEON COMMANDERD: P G Edwards - CTCRM Lymptone 24.4.90; M D Hocking - Raisigh 8.5.90.

Royal Air Force

Birthdays

KOYSI AIT FORCE
(GROUP CAPTAIN: M J Bruce - To
HQ 11 Group 26.2.90
WING COMMANDER: J D Rodford TO HGSTC 26.2.90: H Bitms - MeD
Harrogate 26.2.90: L M P Waish - TO
MoD London 26.2.90: G S Harker - Io
RAF Lastruch 26.2.90: A W Levit TO HGSTC 26.2.90: A E Harris - TO
HGRAFC 26.2.90: P R Carter - TO
HGRAFC 26.2.90: P R Carter - TO
HGRAFC 26.2.90: P R Carter - TO
RAF West Drayton 2.3.90.

Mr Harry Belafonte, singer and actor, 63; Mr David Broome, show jumper, 50; Mr Douglas Bunn, founder, All England Jumping Course, Hickstead, 62; Miss Florence Calvert, former principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 78; Mr Roger Daltrey, actor and rock singer, 46; Sir Keith Falkner, a vice-president, Royal College of Music, 90; Mr Andrew Faulds, MP and actor, 67; Sir Maurice Fiennes, former

Andrew Paulos, MP and actor, 67; Sir Maurice Fiennes, former chairman, Davy-Ashmore Group, 83; Mr Allan Green, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, 55; Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis

Hodges, 72; Lord Justice Kerr, 69; Professor James Lister, paediatrician, 67; Commandant

Dame Nancy Robertson, former

director, WRNS, 81; Professor Lord Swann, 70; the Right Rev R.S. Taylor, former Archbishop of Cape Town, 81; Mr Brian

Waites, golfer, 50.

in the Forces

Royal Navy

Frank Cole, who has died at Christian all his life. He joined "scratching" or fragment of hand-printing wallpapers is the age of 85, was Chairman of his father's business at the age paper from the 1850 Pugin still done.

He formed a close associ-Colefax & Fowler in the restoration and in some cases re-creation of wallpapers in great country houses when Fowler began his work for the National Trust, For homes such as Clandon and Sudbury

room of the House of Lords he discovered that Cole & Son ation with John Fowler of owned half the block of the

missiles in Cuba strengthened

President Kennedy's hand in

the matter of out-bluffing

Khrushchev in the crisis

But the suspicions of the

highest echelons of Soviet

intelligence were becoming

alerted, and it became unwise

for Wynne to continue to meet

Penkovsky was given a new contact with whom to work,

and Wynne developed fresh

cover, a mobile touring ex-

hibition which he could take

throughout the Iron Curtain

But by this time Soviet

intelligence antennae were

thoroughly alerted, and details

of arrangements made be-

tween Wynne and Penkovsky

for the latter's escape had been

intercepted by the Russian

On the maiden expedition

Penkovsky

secret service.

FRANK COLE

Original wallpaper designs for the House of Commons

which developed in 1962.

The collection of hand-cut many as 22 blocks. From a Islington where the work of experience.

In 1949-50 he introduced from Paris the first collection of matching wallpaper and fabric, a fashion then taken up by the whole of the industry, and in 1961 he received Royal Appointment

In 1979 he retired, following a brutal mugging as he left the Islington factory where he spent every morning before Park woodblocks would be cut wood blocks grew to 2,300 going to the office in Morti-St Paul's Choir School and and the original paper hand- with the purchase in 1942 of mer Street. He never quite

COLIN MILBURN

A rare hitter of the ball



collapsing while visiting In four Test innings in 1967 friends at Newton Aycliffe in he was less successful, and in Northamptonshire as he was

1941, Milburn inherited his

physical shape and playing style from his father, a pro-

started to attract attention as a

Although he had scored

heavily for Northampton-shire's Second XI it was not

regular place in their champ-

In the first of his nine Test

rare hitter of the ball.

the game.

Wynne subsequently pubthat, the handicap under which he did so was too great even for a such a bold and spirited batsman to overcome. Born in the mining village of Burnopfield on October 23.

right, Wynne retired to Majorca, where he was involved in a property business. But had recently been receiving treatment in London for cancer of the throat.

apology for comments made about him in a book, The Friends, written by Rupert Allason under the pseudonym Nigel West. He also received libel damages from the publishers, Weidenfeld and

Wynne's marriage to his first wife, Sheila, of which

service involved him in much severer beatings and psycho-logical pressure than he experienced at the hands of the KGB. Throughout this inquisition he maintained his front of

OBITUARIES

being an "innocent busin man duped by British intelligence", with some success. In the event, at a show trial, at which he was co-defendant with Penkovsky, he was forced to read from a prepared script, pleading guilty to es-

He was sentenced to eight years. (Penkovsky was sen-tenced to death, but he was not shot, subsequently committing suicide in a labour camp). But Wynne was not compelled to serve the whole sentence. After 18 months he was released in Berlin, on April 22, 1964, in exchange for Conon Molody (otherwise Gordon Lonsdale) a Soviet agent who had been operating in Britain for a number of

lished a book, The Man from Moscow (1967), on his experiences, about which he retained a remarkably resilient attitude. He always maintained that patriotism and a dislike of the Soviet system had led him to do what he had. A wealthy man in his own

In 1989 he received an

Nicholson.

of Wynne's travelling fair in there was a son, ended in role in the escape to the West eastern Europe he was kid- divorce. He married his of a Russian agent whose napped in Budapest and flown information about the Soviet to Moscow. Penkovsky had wife, Herma, in

In four Test innings in 1967 Co Durham, was as popular a the West Indies that winter he cricketer for England and never got going. Although he never got going. Although he scored a thrilling 83 in the His career was cut short in May, 1969, when he lost an eye in a car accident. Aleks an eye in a car accident. Aleks an eye in a car accident. eye in a car accident. Although the Oval, partly through in-he played a few matches after jury. And the selectors, still concerned about his weight, left him out of the MCC side to Ceylon and Pakistan in 1968-69.

Playing instead for Western Australia he scored 243 against Queensland at Bris-bane, 181 of them between lunch and tea. He was heading fessional in the Tyneside Se-nior League. Northampton- when summoned to reinforce shire have a tradition of the MCC party at Dacca in bringing Geordies into their what was then East Pakistan. side, and it was with them in His arrival was greeted with 1960 that Colin Milburn such unconfined delight by the rest of the team that a troubled tour took on a new light. Within a week he had scored a "sparkling" 139 (the adjective is Wisden's) in the riot-torn until 1962 that he gained a third Test in Karachi.

Less than three months later ionship side. By then he was he was in Northampton Gengetting on for 20 stone, but the eral Hospital, having lost his battle which he was en- left eye. Had it been the other couraged to fight against his one he might, as a right-weight, by the England selec-handed batsman, made a tors among others, was con- worthwhile comeback. He was ducted fitfully and with an incalculable loss to the limited success. "Ollie" game. He would take on the game. He would take on the fiercest or the craftiest of Milburn was born to be heavy, fiercest or the craftiest of but it did not prevent him bowlers with gusto and, as be from being quick to react at short leg. Soon, too, the power and simplicity of his driving Milburn had a great sense of Milburn had a great sense of

and hooking were the talk of fun, the broadest of Geordie accents, an unquenchable thirst, and endless stamina. matches, against West Indies His playing days so suddenly at Old Trafford in 1966, he over, he went back for a while was run out for 0 in the first innings before scoring 94 in the second. A formight later, at Lords, he made 126 not out broadcasting. But the steady in England's second innings. job he needed he never found. Griffiths, Hall and Sobers All told, he scored 13,262 were never struck harder than runs, including 23 hundreds, by Milburn that day. While at an average of 33.07. His batting at the Nursery End he Test figures were 654 runs, scattered his devoted admir- average 46.71.

He never married.

Cole & Son, a company of 20 and became Chairman in design for the visitors' dining

specializing in wallpapers many of which use original wood blocks.

As a result of its work many moms in the House of Commons now have their original designs.

to make contact with Lieuten-

ant-Colonel Oleg Penkovsky,

a Soviet intelligence officer

who had for some time been

giving clear signs that he was

prepared to give away secret

ness interests to eastern

Europe and the Soviet Union,

in particular developing rela-

tions with the Scientific Re-

search Committee in Moscow

which controlled the visits of

foreign scientists and en-gineers, and of which

appear to have been deceived.

taking Wynne for the bluff

businesman he seemed. Cer-

tainly, in the brief period

before the crunch came much

vital information about Soviet

military strength and strategic

intentions came into Western

In particular he played a key

intelligence hands.

Initially the Russians countries.

Penkovsky was a member.

Wynne extended his busi-

information.

leaves and had one made of the House of Commons now have the original designs notably the Gothic Lily pattern in the Speaker's Room.

Mr William Bingley to be the first Chief Executive of the Mental Health Act

Sir John Ure, Ambassador to Sweden, to be UK Commissioner General for Expo '92 in

Mr Joe Abrams and Mr Ramiadar Singh to be joint deputy chairmen of the Com-mission for Racial Equality.

The engagement is announced between Allan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.R. Phillips, of Legal Bath, and Lesley, daughter of Mr J. Clayton and Mrs S. Lewes,

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Alec Sandberg, of Carlyle Square, Chelsea, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Evans, of Lewes, Sussex.

Mr P. Suor and Miss K. Ayre and Miss L. Ayre
The engagement is announced
between Anthony, son of Mr P.
Suor, of Kenya, and Kate,
daughter of Mrs A. Ayre, of 13
Sambre Road, Chiseldon, Wilts.

Mr M.G. Warren
and Miss J.J. Morley
The engagement is announced
between Mervyn, elder son of
the late Mr Humphrey Warren
and of Mrs Sabine Warren, of
Hemingford Grey, Cambridgeshire, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey
Morley, of Chigwell, Essex.

Marriage Mr M. Walton and Miss P. Willmore

and Miss P. Willmore
The marriage took place on
Friday, February 16, quietly in
Bristol, between Mr Michael
Walton, youngest son of Mr and
Mrs A. Walton, of Whitewell
House, Cranbrook, Kent, and
Miss Paula Willmore, younger
daughter of Mr and Mrs O.
Willmore, of Old Hall, High
Street, Odibam, Hampshire. Street, Odiham, Hampshire,

Appointments

the Western Circut:

Mr J. M. Aspinall, Mr C.S.C.S.

Clarke, QC, Viscount Colville of

Culross, QC, Mr M.G. Cotterill,

Mrs L.H. Davies, Mr R.L.

Denyer, Mr J.D. Foley, Mr J.D.

Griggs, Mrs C.M.A. Hagen, Mr

A.G.H. Jones, Mr S.E. Jones,

Mr L.P. Laity, Mr T.N.

MacKean, Mr M.A. de Navarro,

Mr M.P. Parroy, Mr P.A.L.A. de

la Piquerie, Mr R.N.M. Price,

Mr J.D. Roberts, Mrs L.E.

Sullivan, Mr P.M. Thomas, Mr

H.B. Trethowan, Mr J.G.G.

Ungley, Mr W.J.M. White.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Sir Samuel Romilly

part rist sir Samuel Romilly, lawyer, London, 1747; Frédéric Chopin, Zelazowa Woła, Po-land, 1810; Augustus Pugin, architect of the Gothic revival,

1910.
DEATHS: Thomas Campion, musician and poet, London, 1620; George Herbert, clergyman and poet, Salisbury, 1633; Girolamo Frescobaldi, organist and composer, Rome, 1643; Edward Moore, writer, London, 1757; George Grossmith, Sawmard and co-author of The

Church news

The Ven Peter G. Hogben, Archdeacon of Dorking, diocese of Guildford, is to retire as from the Halesworth beam, documents to be the Halesworth beam, documents to be the Halesworth beam, documents to be the Halesworth beam, documents to the Halesworth beam and the eptember 1.

ers, drinking their beer in

The Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, the Very Rev Eric Heaton, will instal the Rev Margaret Clarke as an honorary canon on April 26.

diocese.

The Rev Canon Gervase Bahington, vicar, All Saints, Gainsborough, diocese Lincoln: to be Rector, Walesby, same diocese.

The Rev Robert Browne, Purish Priest S Antony's, and Priest-in-charge, St Sline, Numberd, diocese Southwarfs to the Vicar, Sr Antony and Priest Per Rev Helen Population Parish Descon, St John's Leytonostope, diocese Chelmsford: to be Assistant Chapolain, Grimstry Hospital, diocese Lincoln. same diocese.

The Rev William J White.
Chester Chaddish St Chad, dioces
St Mary, same decese.

St Mary, same decese.

The Rev Helen M, Woodhead, Parish
to be Descon in charge.

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The Rev Peter Mander. Assistant Curate. Hale and Ashiny, dioceae Chesters to be Telum Vicar. Enricatical Grantham team, dioceae Lincoln. The Rev Colin Mathock, Pricet in-

The Rev Darak Briggs, Vicar St J. the Evangelist, Farsley, dior Bradford: to retire an from 30 A; The Rev Cenon William H Done

The Rev David Silvester, Carste, St Mary, Waltingastow, diocese Cheimstord: to be Team Vicar, Christ Church, Thames View, in the Barking team, same diocese.

Mrs Marilyn Jamieson, licensed lay worker in the Gateshead team, diocese Durham: to be licensed lay worker in the parish of St. Cuthbert with St. Paul, Gateshead, same diocese.

Other appointment

Baroness Park Latest wills of Monmouth

The life barony conferred upon Miss Daphne Park has been shire, archaeologist, left estate valued at £929,555 net. He left a gazetted by the name, style and title of Baroness Park of Moamouth, of Broadway in the County of Hereford and third century BC marble relief of the goddess Kybele to the Museum.

marriages Mr M.R.J. Bell and Miss J.M.L. Paterson The engagement is announced between Michael Richard John, Mr C.J. Merry and Miss J.C. Marshall and Miss J.C. Marshall The engagement is announced between Christopher James, son of Mr and Mrs James I. Merry, of Bedford, and Julie Carina, daughter of Mr Albert S. Marshall, MBE, of the British Embassy, Washington, DC, and the late Mrs Joan M. Marshall.

Mr A.R. Phillips

and Miss L. Clayton

Dr M.D.A. Sandberg and Miss S.G. Evans

between Michael Richard John, youngest son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Peter Bell, of Yeabridge Close, South Petherton. Somerset, and Askham Bryan. North Yorkshire, and Joanna Mary Lillingston, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Paterson, of Lees Court, Matfield, Kent.

CAPTAIN: G C George – 25,4,90: B A Rutherford – 7,4,90. Mr S.D. Ellis COMMANDER: T J Yarker - 7.4.90.
PRINCIPAL NURSING OFFICER: E M
Northway - 3.4.90. and Miss K.C.J. Berry The engagement is announced between Simon David, second son of The Venerable and Mrs Robin Ellis, of Roborough, near Plymouth, and Katharine Cecilia Jane, elder daughter of The Reverend and Mrs David 26.2.90.

LIELTENANT COLONEL: R G Gower
RCT - to 53 Port Sp Sgn 26.2.90; M
A fillingworth 16/5L - to DADPTC
26.2.90; A h N Jackson RC - to
BRA-1 to HO URLY 26.2.90; J P W
Simpson RE - to DNBC Centre
26.2.90; C W Walkins RMP - to Der
Export Svs Org 1.3.90; J R Westlake,
Klag's Own Border - to HO
NORTHAG 26.2.90; W G Liester, R
Siggnals - to DSS(AD) 26.2.90; M
Summerten REME - 10 Sch of
Aeronautical Eng 26.2.90. Berry, of St Aidan's Vicarage, Barrow-in-Furness.

Mr B.M. Franks and Mrs A.E. Franklin The engagement is announced between Bryan Franks, of Hale, Cheshire, and Anita Franklin, of

Mr K. Frearson
and Miss J.E. Allan
The engagement is announced between Karl, son of the late Mr
Mr M.G. Warren

between Karl, son of the late Mr Alastair Frearson and of Mrs Diane Bailey, MBE, and stepson of Mr John Bailey, of Abinger Common, Surrey, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Allan, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey.

Surrey.

Mr B.E.F. Gardener and Miss C.M. Steup Brian E.F. Gardener, of Woodland Rise, High Wycome, Bucks, wishes to announce his engagement to Catherine, of Appledore, Addlestone, Surrey.

Mr P.M. Head Sir and Miss F.C. Barton and Miss F.C. Barton and Miss F.C. Barton and Miss F.C. Barton Surrey.

Mr P.M. Head and Miss F.C. Barton
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THE ST. GOTHARD TUNNEL

The working parties in the two sections of the St. Gothard Tunnel had this morning, at 11.15, com-pleted 7,160 metres from the south entrance. At noon yesterday it was computed that there were still a very considerable number of metres to bore, and that the meeting from both ends would occur 40 hours later, but in the course of last night, on sounding with a long drill, it was found that the thickness of the intervening rock was only 13 metres.

The news of this unlooked for known, and at 10 o'clock large crowds had assembled to wait for the auspicious blast which should make of the two galleries one tunnel. At Airolo a few members of the local Lendwehr, with their band, were hastily summoned, flags hoisted, and hastily summoned, tags housed, and engines and wagons gaily decorated, and when the train bringing the people from Göschenen ran into the station, the tunnel being practicable for locomotives two-thirds of the way, nothing was wanting to complete the satisfaction of the engineers and others connected with the under-

The piercing of the longest tunnel in the world has thus been achieved in seven years and five months - a rapidity of execution quite unprece-

taking but the presence of M. Favre,

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1880 dented, for relatively to its length the St. Gothard has been bored in a fourth of the time occupied in the boring of the Hauenstein tunnel, and in less than half the time taken by the Mont Cenis. This great advance in the art of tunnel driving is due to the more extended application of machinery, and above all to the efficiency of the air compressors invented by Professor Colladon, of

Geneva. perforators is always the upper part of the finished tunnel of the future; the floor of the passage they clear out being afterwards blasted and wrought down by hand to the required level. The locomotives used in the tunnel are moved by compressed air, and ventilation is provided from the same source. Horses are also used for dragging the wagons, but, owing to the intense heat and the closeness, the mortality among them is very great. Out of a stud of forty ten die on

an average every month. The men work night and day in shifts of eight hours each; the labour is very trying, and they are compelled to take frequent holidays. Great circumspection has had to be exercised in the admission of outsiders to the galleries as a walk of several miles in the stifling heat and vitiated atmosphere might easily prove fatal to persons with weak hearts or a tendency to congestion of the brain; and even the healthy who venture in for the first time have often occasion

to regret their temerity.

The great engineering triumph of which the St. Gothard tunnel is at once the monument and the consummation, though a peaceful, has not been a bloodless one. Between 60 and 70 men have been killed by the premature explosion of mines and other mishaps, many more have been seriously injured, and those who have borne the heat and burden of the day are well worthy of the medals that are about to be bestowed upon them.

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Gozo burial chambers found By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent Archaeologists from Cambridge, small statue menhir, shell neck- to explore. Intriguing evidence Malta and York, sponsored by Air laces, greenstone axes and pottery hints that the same burial area may wessels filled with ochre.

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The later burials were placed in a the succeeding cremation phase on much more monumental complex. The natural caves of the limestone that island, since burnt ash deposits have been found in the northern hilltop were deliberately developed by the addition of megalithic slabs. Much attention was paid to the entrance of the complex which was reached through two megalithic uprights that marked a break in the enclosing megalithic circle. Beyond the circle a megalithic threshold in the famous temples above was flanked by what at present appear to be two separate burial Until now the temples, the oldest pits where the skulls seem deliberately placed at the top.
From here it appears that steps led down into the heart of the

area dating to circa 1700 BC.
The excavation of the Brochtorff circle is part of a wider five-year

project investigating the Temple building populations of the island of Gozo. Work has concentrated on three themes burial, settle-ments and the environment. In the first season of 1987 the first domestic structures known from the island of Gozo from the period of the Temple, were investi-gated. In future seasons, it is planned to make further progress in the understanding of the rituals of death and lifestyle of the builders

redressing the balance and has discovered the securely provenanced remains of more than a hundred individuals, ranging in date from circa 4000 to 2500 BC in context both man-made and natural.

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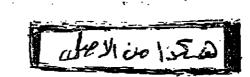
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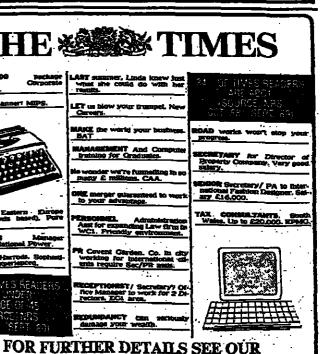
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Press-ups for the mind

Can regular mental exercising improve your intelligence? As The Times gets in shape for the 1990 Tournament of the Mind, Ruth Gledhill weighs the evidence

growing interest in "mental gymnastics"— exercising the mind through solving demanding logical or numerical problems — is generating fresh debate about the value of traditional Q tests as a measure of intelligence.

In an area that has been rife with controversy since Descartes first mooted the possibility of his own existence, scientific research is leading to increased understanding about the mechanics and abilities of the mind. Some philosophers believe the mind can be trained and improved by using logic and other

The Times Tournament of the Mind, a competition which begins next Tuesday, involves solving such problems. The aim is enjoyment, but the games can have their serious and useful side as well.

What do we mean when we talk about the mind? Professor Mark Sainsbury, professor of philosophy at King's College, London, says: "When people in philosophy are asked about the mind they tend to give an answer in functional terms, that is, the sort of behaviour having a mind enables you to go in for.
"A very great deal of our mental

life consists in solving problems. No doubt the problems in the Tournament are fairly abstract, the solutions for which are not acquired for any practical purpose.

"But the logical and intuitive resources that are brought to bear on solving them may be exactly the same as those we need to solve problems where the practical upshot is more significant. There are lots of problems, from computer design through philosophical problems through management problems, which involve exactly that skill of extracting that type of information and organizing it properly." According to directors of Britain's

first "brain gymnasium" which recently opened in Wimbledon, south-west London, even well-nourished and logical adults can be taught to exercise the mind better, in order to ease stress and expand learning and thinking abilities.

Marketing consultant Ronald Dards, UK agent for the US-based Whole Brain Learning Institute which runs the gymnasium, says the train any of our muscles so as to run faster, lift weights or climb mountains".

Some people who remain sceptical about the direct practical applications of mental puzzles support theories that nutrition can influence mental fitness. Professor



Hans Eysenck, professor of psychology at the University of London, says: "I am afraid there is no evidence that anything you do can improve the performance of the brain. The only thing that has had positive results is dietary supplements, such as minerals. People who are deficient in vitamins or minerals could increase their IQ by improving their diet. That is well established." Some scientists believe simple nutritional supplements can dramatically improve the performance of undernourished brains.

In 1987 Larkhall Laboratories of Putney, south-west London, supplied vitamin and mineral tablets for a trial among Welsh school-children. The results, published in The Lancet, suggested an increase of up to nine points in non-verbal intelligence among pupils who took them. The trial was subsequently challenged and criticized by other researchers and specialists, and in 988, doctors at the Food and Nutritional Sciences Department of King's College, London published in the same journal the results of a similar trial among children which concluded that "no improvement in intellectual performance can be

However, Dr David Benton, senior lecturer in psychology at licated the results of the original Welsh study and will present his findings to a meeting of the British Psychological Association next month. The results are that in boys who had a poor diet, defined as a diet which had fewer vitamins and minerals, there is a beneficial

response similar to the original study," he says.

The tests were carried out last summer in Belgium with the cooperation of the University of Louvain-Bruxelles. The 103 boys and 64 girls, all aged 13, from seven schools in French and Flemishspeaking areas, recorded their diets for 15 days and took intelligence tests before and after taking supplements supplied by Cyanamid, the US drug company which financed the project. Half took the genuine pills, and half unknowingly took placebos. The 45 per cent of boys who were on a bad or deficient diet showed a substantial improvement in non-verbal intelligence. For some reason not yet fully understood, girls on a deficient diet failed to show a similar improvement.

Dr Benton, anxious to avoid the criticisms levelled at the original study, is reluctant to conjecture on the implications for children worldwide. "The problem is that the need for minerals and vitamins is a very personal thing. A stressful week, or medication, might make a person need more. There is no doubt that in the group in Wales and the group in Belgium, vitamin and mineral supplements had an effect. What is uncertain is how general this effect would be, and how important it is."

intelligence. Dr Sidney Rosalki, consultant in chemical pathology and human metabolism at the Royal Free Hospital, London, said research published in the British Medical Journal showed a relationship between even moderate drinking and mental impairment. "Seven studies have found significant correlations between indices of alcohol consumption and measures of cognitive function among moderate drinkers," Dr Rosalki says. Most of the studies involved the ability to deal with abstract problems, problem solving and memory tests. Hand and mind co-ordination was also impaired.

Another study, in Australia, fol-lowed up 26 light to moderate drinkers who abstained for six months. The memories and verbal performance IQs of all 26 improved, although this might have been partly due to the improve-ments sometimes effected by the practice of intelligence tests. r Rosalki explains that

alcohol is normally oxidized in the liver and as a result of oxidation forms chemicals, including acetaldehyde, which circulate in the blood and can reach the brain. The acetaldehyde in large quantities can damage cell membranes. Alcohol can also impair the absorption and metabolism of vitamins, in particular Vitamin B1, which is important for the function of brain

Dr Rosalki says that a minimum alcohol intake of 50g a day appears to be needed before structural served, but other effects such as mental impairment can be observed at much lower intakes; drinking just three or four units a day could result in minor impairments to mental processes. There are 8g of alcohol to a unit, which is equivalent to a 40z glass of wine, half a pint of normal-

strength beer, or a single whisky.
Professor Stephen Rose, director
of the Open University brain and
behaviour research group, says:
"Like many things, intelligence is hard to define, but easy to see when you observe it. At the moment I am watching my Burmese cat performing extremely intelligent behaviour. It is rather exquisitely picking up my pens, trying to write with them and then knocking them off the bench on which I am working."

The work his cat was interrupting is a highly technical scientific paper, the fruits of 10 years' work funded by the Medical Research Council and the Science Research Council which he presented to the Cajal brain institute in Madrid yesterday, and which discloses new results of how a learning experience changes the biochemistry of the brain.

"The human brain is composed of about 10,000 million nerve cells, each of which connects with others. When learning takes place, some connections get strengthened and others weakened. The way to improve performance in intelligence tests such as the Tournament would be to practise similar tests and strengthen the relevant mental connections. People who want to be good at puzzles and crosswords have to learn how to do them."

three mental components are involved in problem solving the speed of mental processing, persistence, and the ability to check for errors. If intelligence is related to the ability to solve problems, this approach would be enough to exercise the brightest brain.

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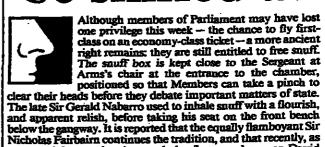
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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Privilege to be sniffed at



and apparent relish, before taking his seat on the front bench below the gangway. It is reported that the equally flamboyant Sir Nicholas Fairbairn continues the tradition, and that recently, as he was doing so, he showered the fine powder over David Blunkett's luckless guide-dog. Uffa, who responded, as all inexperienced snuff takers do, by explosive sneezing.

The Government has recently had to decide whether taking snuff is a harmless, if eccentric, reminder of an earlier age, or whether it is a dangerous habit, likely to be exploited by the tobacco industry as an alternative outlet for their products as smoking becomes less fashionable. Notwithstanding the strong protests from American politicians representing tobaccogrowing states, it has to some extent compromised and decided that the medical case against some forms of snuff-taking is strong, therefore from this month it has banned, under consumer protection legislation, the sale of oral snuff - but not, Sir Nicholas will be pleased to learn, of nasal snuff.

An editorial in the British Medical Journal has recently reviewed the use of snuff as a cigarette substitute. Snuff is classified medically as a smokeless tobacco. There are two forms of oral smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco and oral snuff. Chewing tobacco, which is coarse, has to be

that is unlikely to help it make a popular comeback. On the other hand the habit of taking oral snuff has spread rapidly in America, particularly among younger people, and especially those who already smoke cigarettes. It can be either dry or moist, and is held between the gum and cheek so that no chewing is necessary. Its recent surge in popularity has been due to its marketing in a sort of tea bag, as Skoal Bandits, as these removed much of the messiness of the habit, but delivered just as much nicotine to the blood stream as cigarettes.

As with cigarettes, addiction occurs. Oral snuff contains an appreciable quantity of the carcinogenic substance nitro soanine, which is presumably a factor in the number of cases of cancer of the mouth which have been reported by the International Agency of Cancer Research, the United States descriptions of health and the World World World Contains department of health and the World Health Organization, to have been related to oral snuff-taking. In South East and Central Asia, where tobacco chewing is common, mouth cancers are frequently found, with their position often coinciding with the spot where the quid had been customarily held against the cheek

Sniffing snuff seems safer. Although tobaccotaking is related to cancer of the throat and gullet, the association is less clear with the nose and post-nasal sinuses. Some authors even claim that there is no relationship. But as the inhalation of other carcinogenic material, such as hardwood dust by carpenters, definitely causes easopharygeal cancer (tumours which grow in the cavities in and behind the nose), it would seem to be unlikely that snufftaking was entirely without risk. Even so, Sir Nicholas and the whips can in all probability be reassured that the occasional pinch of snuff is unlikely to precipitate a by-election in Perth

and Kinross or elsewhere.



link between. leukaemia or lymphoma, a malianant disease of the lymphatic system (best known as Hodgkin's disease), and the degree of exposure to radiation which their fathers had suffered while at work at the

who had suffered total radiation doses of more than 100 recommended limit of the National Radiological Protecone year. The chance of children of men from these lated exposure. two high-risk groups at Sellafield developing leukae-

creased sixfold, whereas other workers, or residents in the area, seemed to be safe. There was some suggestion from the second, too. There is, fortustatistics that it might be nately, no certainty that men unwise to eat the local shell- and mice will behave in the The extra dose which most

of the workers in nuclear that experienced in several

Nuclear families other trades. Concorde flight In his BMI report, Professor Martin Gardner clearly demonstrates of one from Daniel Concorde flight crews, for instance, may well have a total annual body radiation dose up to five times that of the typical Sellafield worker, or over 10 times that demonstrates a of one from Dounreay. The young people at .on subsonic aircraft suffer Sellafield who developed annually is appreciably greater than that experienced by Dounreay workers, but rather less than that faced by those at Sellafield.

Pulse magazine highlights the contradiction between the now accepted association beplant. The research was not tween the amount of exposure unnaturally extremely to radiation and the risk of disturbing to those fathers having a child with leukaemia and the lack of any such link in the 7,000 men who were millisieverts in any one year followed up in Japan after or had had more than 10 they had suffered much larger millisieverts in the six months tadiation doses as a result of before their wives conceived, the atomic bombing. The The annual legal limit at the authors conclude that a single moment is 50msv, and the large exposure is less likely to cause a gene mutation than smaller doses repeated over a tion Board is 15msv in any period of time, resulting in unacceptably large accumu-

Pulse also raises the worrying thought that when pamia or lymphoma was shown rental mice have been experi-by Prof Gardener to be in-mentally exposed to X-rays, any inheritable tumours induced were found not only in the first generation but in the same way, but only time will show the extent of any damage which has been done by plants receive is smaller than radiation at Sellafield that experienced in several succeeding generations.

We are leaving for Tibet on April 24; we'll be there for six weeks,

of which four weeks will be in the field, in the middle of unknown mountains. There's just two of us going, which makes health particularly important - if one of us goes sick, it really

kiboshes it for everyone. I have basically got good health, and I think I slightly take it for granted. I don't hyper-train, but I keep a reasonable level of finess throughout the year. I go running, walking or climbing most days when I am at home.

My wife is vegetarian, so at home we are totally vegetarian. When I am away I am a bit of an omnivore, but I have reduced my meat diet considerably. On the traditional expedition one tends to have an awful lot of freeze-dried foods, which I find I like less and less. So at base camp, on to drink a lot because you When you are sweating a lot, your time, so you move up

What to eat in high society

food - but rice and dahl, not

Actually on the climb, where weight is at a premium, you need a high carbohydrate diet, so breakfast would probably be muesli. During the day we eat handfuls of nuts, a bit of chocolate, and the evening meal would be soup and then usually mashed potato powder made into mashed potato with cheese or tinned fish, or

The high carbohydrate content gives you instant energy. You don't need much in the have to drink seven or eight way of protein because you don't absorb it well at altitude. and you can make up your protein when you get back down to base camp. You have Some of them are very tasty. acclimatized you have to take





CHRIS BONINGTON

dehydrate a great deal - you pints a day. The other thing which is very useful on the tent, you really need these. mountain is mineral replacements, which athletes use debilitating effect. To become

which you are at altitude, and drinking snow water, which has a very low mineral con-Altitude has a generally

The trouble is, once you are at about 18-19,000ft, your body is actually deteriorating, and at 24,000ft it is deteriorating very fast. You just get tireder and tireder and you don't recover when you are fatigued, so you have to hit a balance between becoming steadily acclimatized and not being up too high for too long. One of the other things that

sleep quite low, then go high.

happens is that the blood creates more red blood cells to cater for the lack of oxygen in the air. In some people, the body goes over the top and creates a dangerous number of red blood cells. The blood gets very thick and can start clotting and if a clot occurs in your heart, it could cause a heart attack, or in your brain it

scotch last thing at night, though we tend not to take it above our base camp. i am 55, and I am going to keep on climbing at least for another 10 or 15 years. You suddenly realize it is finite as you get over 50, but at the same time I think it is amazing how long you can keep climbing

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THE TIMES ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

has sprouted to house the black élite of doctors, lawyers and businessmen. There is even an emerging class of "buppies", or black upwardly mobile professionals. Will the more prosperous blacks choose to stay, or move out when they have the chance? Beeston has some surprising

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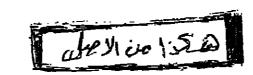
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Peter Ackroyd reviews the writings of a liberal intellectual who hitched himself and his devotion to a literary star

great figure in history. It might even be said that he did nothing but marry well, and that his union with Virginia Stephen catapulted him to an eminence that his merits did not justify. Yet this would seem true only in hindsight, at a time when he has become another passenger in that Bloomsbury vehicle which once had all the makings of a juggernaut. Certainly it was not the case during the formative years of his own life, and it ought not to be the case now unless, that is, we prefer to discount those whose scepticism and independence left them outside the conventional pantheon of

20th-century cultural heroes. He was born in 1880 and his qualities of "detachment, sto-icism, and bemused wonder", to quote his editor, were cultivated early within his liberal Jewish family; but his real life, and his first letters here, began with his arrival at Cambridge. In a sense his was the usual undergraduate correspondence, concerned with last things and hardly bothering with first. He was coming to maturity at the beginning of a new century, and yet what is most striking is his angry depression of

LETTERS OF LEONARD WOOLF **Edited by Frederic Spotts** (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £30)

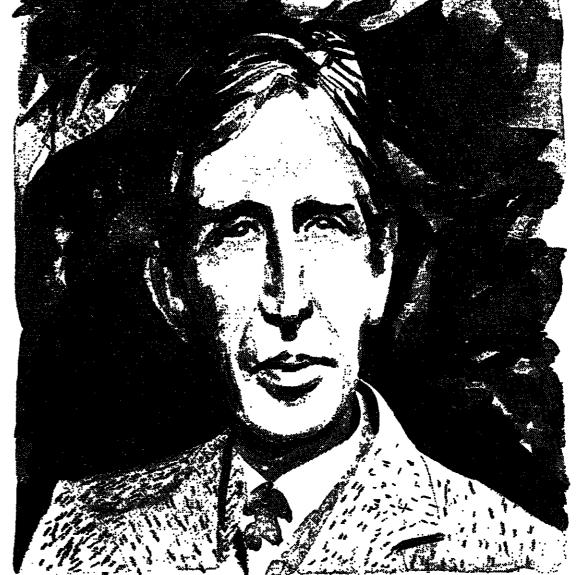
spirit; like many of his youthful contemporaries, he seemed already to have lived for a thousand years (some of them, like Lytton Strachey, even looked as if they had done so). In fact it is sometimes difficult to remember what an unhappy period early manhood can be, when all the hopes and dreams of adolescence are crushed by the weight of the world - which in Leonard Woolf's case meant the weight of Ceylon, to which country he was dis-

patched after Cambridge. Here he became what Mr Spotts calls a "model imperialist"; and what emerges in this volume is the immense range of activities which, as a graduate in his twenties, he was compelled to undertake. He was administering justice, organizing taxes, supervising hangings, in what he described as his combined role of "policeman, magistrate, judge, and publican" It was a brutal, relentless life, and his letters to England seem often

to be the only straw that prevents him from sinking into depression. "I am done for as regards England," he wrote. "I shall live and die in these appalling countries

But he was not done for. He was just beginning. During a year's leave in England he proposed to Virginia Stephen, thus embarking upon a marriage that saved him from the life of an embittered administrator at the same time as it rescued Virginia Stephen herself. As Alix Strachey wrote, "I am sure that he was the only person who could have kept her going,' and, in Leonard Woolf's own letters to his wife, he speaks continually of being drafted into her "service". That hits the right note - his bopeless love for her, and his constant concern for her welfare, made him her devotee in

the tradition of courtly love. It was a wonderful marriage, a true union, and the day before Virginia Woolf committed suicide she told a friend that "I've been so very happy with Leonard". The next day he found her walking stick floating in the river. But he was - or at least he became much more than just Virginia Woolf's husband. He was already a successful publisher and literary



distinction of helping to introduce both T.S. Eliot and Sigmund Freud to the more discriminating sections of the English public. His correspondence reveals, in passing, that the conditions of publishing have not remarkably changed: in 1935 he was complaining that "the publishers and booksellers between them are destroying the sale of books other than bestsellers". In another letter he went on to proclaim that "if I had not

been a socialist before, publishing would surely have made me one".

Which in turn leads to the question of Woolf's political beliefs. He was a socialist, a sceptic, a liberal atheist an internationalist - perhaps T. S. Eliot was thinking of him when he deplored the presence of "free-thinking Jews" in any culture, although it is a mark of Leonard Woolf's sometimes strangely impersonal character that he never noticed Eliot's anti-Semitism. Of course, socialism is not now fashionable; but, compared with such horrors as Thomas Balogh and Kingsley Martin, Leonard Woolf emerges as very model of common sense and decency. He was not a dupe of Soviet Communism, at least, and his defence of "individual liberty as a political ideal" is not likely to date as quickly as his letters on the League of Nations.

GLYNN BOYD HARTE

is later years were spent preserving Vireinia Woolf's reputation and memorializing his own life. For much of the time, in fact, he felt it necessary to defend Bloomsbury against what he considered to be unjust or malicious attacks. Why in fact Bloomsbury was (and is) so often an object of derision is a difficult subject — it seems most likely that it springs from the English distate for groups of any kind, particularly groups of writers, and especially groups of writers who come from what might be seen as a privileged class. Such things smack to the English of cliqueism and pernicious selfregard; although, on the evidence of this correspondence, these are two vices of which Leonard Woolf can readily be acquitted. A little cold, perhaps, and just a trifle dull. But that is all. In fact his invariable modesty (surely an extension of his fatalism) means that, unlike many writers, he did not address his letters to posterity rather than to his ostensible correspondent: as a result he emerges as a much more honest man than many of his contemporaries, and posterity itself, if it pays any attention at all, may judge him more kindly for it.

A Romance of Literary Crit

ost bookstails have a shelf bulging with shopping-'n'-bonking blockbusters with one word titles by women writers: fat books that might well be called Passession. Antonia Byatt's latest novel, though, is subtitled "A Romance": so perhaps it belongs with Barbara Cartland and Mills & Boon? In fact this intelligent, literary, and ambitious thriller will take its place alongside The Name of the Rose and Waterland as Umberto Eco's scholarly monk and Graham Swift's history teacher are joined by another encouventional type of natural detective", the literary

Possession is the story of two academics, Roland Mitchell and Maud Bailey, who investigate the lives of two Victorian poets: the spiritualist intellectual Christabel LaMotte and the Darwinist agnostic Randolph Henry Ash. There are lots of self-referring literary jokes in here, as the hitherto undiscovered relationship between two poets (invented by A. S. Byatt) is revealed through correspondence, poems and journals (written by A. S. Byatt) by two academics (also invented by A. S.

Her fictive literary critics are in the grip of mystery fever, and with suppers of direct narration and a web of implicit legendary parallels, Byatt makes very sure that her flesh and blood reader is equally entranced by Christabel and Ash. On a different level of fictional unreality, the reader focuses in on the relationship betwoen our anti-hero, the dull unemployed postgraduate, and our heroine, the beautiful, unapproachable feminist. Haunted claustrophobic affairs in strophobic rooms, Roland and Maud are united in their quest to find the truth, drawn together by a longing for coherence and for clean white beds, by a distrust of

love and a distrust of their For theirs is a world of naked, if scholarly, ambition; a world in

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acquired by market forces but more effectively by theft. It is a world dominated by American invaders: firstly by the unscrupulous Professor Cropper, a fanatical accumulator of history and of pornography, who dresses in black silk and drives a blackwindowed Mercedes. And secondly by Leonora Stern, a professor with bouncing breasts and a boundless appetite for meaty men and meatier women, who thinks of landscapes in terms of female orifices and dreams of Cropper in terms of murder. The musty British academics, weighed down by inadequacy, bulky bosoms, and dust, are at a distinct disadvantage.

Possession is written by a scholar about scholars researching scholars. Historical fact is woven with literary references, fiction with faction. Byatt entwines the wit of a satirist with the philosophical preoccupations of a rootless, godless 20th-century writer. combines the drive of the thriller with the measured exploration of human nature more normally associated with the 19thcentury novel, and throughout she threads the poetry and passion of

Possession races to a riotous final scene of storms and graveyards, and finishes with a sentimental wish-fulfilling postscript. Antonia Byatt is, herself, a cunning literary critic. By subtitling her work "A Romance" she deflects the accusations of selfindulgence that such an ending might provoke from literary critics. "Possession, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, could have no

SATURDAY Glendinning on murderers' talk,

"romance"

Archbishop Ramsey, Miles Davis, the Dieppe Raid, thrillers, South African fiction, and poetry Susan Crumly has an abortion because her husband wants her to. A month later she has her hair cut short because he doesn't want her to. It's a toss-up which causes their marriage more damage.

Not that it ever looked like a union made in heaven. Michael Crumly, upwardly mobile, a freeance graphic designer who loves ledgers, is the product of a miserable working-class childhood - largely, it must be said, of his own creation. Susan, cossetted only child of successful middleclass parents, met him when he came to work for her father. Five years into marriage, she has a job in the typing pool of a finance company, just to get out of the

Michael isn't sure about it. In fact there's very little Michael is sure about these days, except that he hates disorder and is afraid of well, more and more things. He needs Susan to be where he can see her, though he no longer wants to touch. His business too now bores him. He still has the studio, but when he sits at the drawing board, visions of Susan — unshorn. His ambivalence about her life in the City is rapidly turning into something more sinister. She notices him spying on her at work from across the road, and is pretty sure he has been searching through her wardrobe. When she goes away, he rings her on the flimsiest of pretexts, then behaves outra-

geously when they take a holiday to see if they can sort things out. Jealousy degenerates into obsession. Michael is his own Iago; Susan, finally tiring of the Desde-

Losing marbles and marriage

FICTION

John Nicholson

HOWLING AT THE

MOON

By Paul Sayer

Constable, £10.95

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Michael Joseph, £12.99

ABERCROMBIE'S

AUNT

By Jan Webster

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McX

By Todd McEwen

Secker & Warburg, £12.95

mona role, se-duces the husband of an old friend. It's an affair of no consequence, and anyway occurs long after Michael has lost his grip on reality. Paul Sayer's

first novel The Comforts of Madness ruffled a few feathers in Hampstead by winning not only the Constable Trophy for Fiction but also two Whit-1988. Didn't the

fellow know that unknowns don't carry off major literary prizes, especially when they're employed as psychiatric nurses in obscure hospitals in the North of England? Sadly, Howling At the Moon isn't really a significant advance on its predecessor. Mr Sayer provides another shattering in-

sight into the world of the insane. He also writes pleasantly enough. But the characters here are close to being stereotypes, and I'm afraid there's nothing in the book's rative development to match its stature as a piece of clinical documentation.

Quasi-clinical documentation of a much less demanding kind is Andrea Newman's forte. Thanks to her successes on television (A Bouquet Barbed Wire and A Sense of Guilt), all the world knows that Miss

one-woman research unit dedicated to describing the socio-sexual mores of her own - late 20th-century womanhood, subcategory

British/middle class/divorced. Triangles is a collection of short stories about threesomes. There's a lot of sex, some love, jealousy inevitably. The significant characters are all women, and very few of them achieve more than transitory satisfaction from the overcrowded muddles they get themselves into. And yet the book never becomes

boring. Miss Newman is a resourceful plotter who has obviously seen a thing or two. She would no doubt make an excellent Agony Aunt had she not found an even more profitable furrow along which to steer her plough. She is a funny, thoughtful, at times very erotic writer, who deserves her

Jan Webster's short stories also have their admirers. Hers is a more restrained, Scottish vision of the times we live in, but it is not without edge or humour. The eponymous Abercrombie's Aunt for example is not the tightly buttoned Presbyterian paragon her nephew has always taken her for. Less raunchy than Andrea Newman she may be, but Miss Webster can ferret out foibles from the most unlikely sources small Scottish towns, Morris dancing teams in Middle England, even among DHSS inspectors.

McX is Californian Todd Mc-Ewen's second novel. I fear it may well be his last, unless he rapidly acquires more respect for his adopted country Scotland. McX is tor of Weights and Measures in Fife, who spends most of his waking hours propping up the bar of the Auld Licht in the company of his hideous pal McPint They survive on a diet of beer, peanuts, and pornography, and are presented as typical representatives of a nation crippled by Calvinism and anal retention. This may well be so. However, the Scots, though professional masochists to a man (and a woman for that matter). much prefer to be chastized by

their own kind and race.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

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Pandora on the box

Treek Fire is a substance T said to have been invented by Greeks of the late Byzantine era which could burn under water. True or not, as an image it serves the purposes of this book excellently. Classical Greek culture lives on, however alien and bostile its environment.

Greek Fire is also the title of a 10-part Channel 4 series which is due to burst on to our screens on March 15. Taplin was the programme's consultant, but though the book has 10 sections, each representing one of the grammes, Taplin has paid little attention to the show, which experience suggests will be a catastrophe anyway.

Taplin's book is only partly about the ancient Greek achievement. He has thankfully avoided the trap of simply trotting out all the Greek "firsts" for us to admire, as if that concluded the argument about their importance (he is not in the prize-giving business, and Greeks are only interesting if they have interesting things to say), and concentrates his attention instead on the influence of Greek culture upon the

Peter Jones

GREEK FIRE By Oliver Taplin Channel 4 Books/Cape, £14.95

western, especially the Englishspeaking, world, particularly dur-ing the last 300 years. Each chapter combines elucidation of important ideas and attitudes generated by the ancient Greeks with discussion of their later uses and reinterpretation, but selectivity is the order of the day. As Taplin says at one stage (with a certain amount of relief, I imagine, since he is facing the oeuvre of Aristotle): "There is simply not room for me to pursue everything."

hus, for example, in the

chapter on myth, Taplin begins by emphasizing myth's flexibility. There are versions of the Oedipus myth in which Oedipus does not blind himself, nor go into exile, and Jocasta does not hang herself. He then glances at the Middle Ages, Monterverdi, Purcell, Gluck, and Offenbach, and looks more closely at Rilke's Orpheus (1907), whose Eurydice did not know that he was attempting to rescue her, Jean Cocteau, for whom Orpheus is a go-between for humanity, and Harrison Birtwhistle (1986) whose opera (suggestively) started life as Faust. Taplin then briefly discusses the influence of Frazer's Golden Bough - which released [myth] from the tameness of mere decoration" and emphasized its darker, irrational elements - and looks in detail at some interpretations of Oedipus: that of Freud (1856-1937), who thought myths, like dreams, were a coded expression of the unconscious, of Cocteau again, who saw in Oedipus a paradigm of the way in which infernal gods work to destroy as, and of others. Taplin

then considers Jung's response to

myth; it presents us with the dark.

irrational side of our existence which we must then fight to

The above summary gives some idea of the strengths and weaknesses of the book. Taplin the scholar battles with Taplin the popularizer, and the combination of light skipping, which some-times turns into little more than a list of people influenced by Greeks, various degrees of generalization, and relatively detailed examination of particular issues, leaves the book somewhat lopsided and with a tendency to generate more questions than it answers. But I am not sure what other option there is: too much detail would swamp the book, generalization is of its essence, and the lists of names at least give a chance to explore further.

The scope of Taplin's book is very large. Chapters cover tragedy, aesthetics, sex, science, philosophy, politics (especially democracy), architecture, and war as well as myth, and unevenness is inevitable. But Greeks leap out in the most surprising places (I had never heard of the exotic Sukia, a Milanese strip [sic in both senses] cartoon heroine who found herself being seduced by one of the Riace bronzes, the brazen hussy), and the illustrations are fabulous, if not always apposite ("More particle tracks from CERN").

Taplin's heady book is deeply personal, rich in ideas, inventive in the directions it takes, and never less than contemporary. His inexhaustible enthusiasm will surely persuade many who have never taken the Greeks seriously to look afresh at this remarkable people, and their astonishing and challengingly subversive achievements. Meanwhile, on March 15, all good men and true will be gingerly peering out through their fingers from behind the sofa at the banalities to be visited upon us by the Masters With The 22-Inch Mentalities. I suggest they have their Taplins at hand ready to

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Dr Kersaudy has pronounced strangest and most significant

THE ARTS

A matter of dying

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley The BBC television schedulers are a rum and unfathomable lot, filling their Wednesday evenings with junk shows like Dallas, for which most of the cast now seem to have risen especially if uneasily from the grave, or else screening aged re-runs of *Pennies from Heaven* while banishing major new documentary series to the grim wastelands of the early afternoon.

At 3 pm yesterday, for example the newscaster Martyn Lewis started a six-programme sequence called *Living With Dying*, which examined the last great taboo in our society, that of death itself, and our willingness to make any but the most cursory of prepara-

The idea of a death workshop may sound macabre enough, but for Christianne Heal — who runs them as a kind of therapy for those who have watched coffins going into the ground or the flames - the chance to talk about it is actually very welcome at a time when society is still unwilling to discuss death only in the vaguest of terms. Lewis also found people who

have put off making their wills, for s ranging from superstition to inefficiency, and found time to warn those living in gay or lesbian relationships to be especially careful about protecting partners who will have no legal rights in the

proper will.

While Q.E.D. (BBC 1) sniffed around the Rotterdam police discovery that criminals can now be traced through their under-arm deodorants, or rather the lack thereof, Antenna (BBC 2) looked at the continuing reluctance of seat-belt wearers to become better drivers. Those who wear them now drive more dangerously in the belief that they are especially protected, while the more that pedestrians are herded into underground safety tunnels, the more they are inclined to run across motorways in search of a short cut.

Over on Channel 4, the arts programme Signals continues to prove week after week how unwise the network is to be closing it down after only two years. Last night's survey of how the big auction houses now dictate all trends in the painting world was one that *Omni***bus** or the *South Bank Show* at their considerable best would have been proud to network.

Lords Carrington and Gowrie, on behalf of their respective Sotheby's and Christies empires, held up well against some vociferous critics, but we were left in no doubt that art is now more of a ommerce than a calling.

Genius among the skeletons

he symphony orchestras urgently need to discover another great composer. Go back 50 years, and the ideal of a fine orchestral concert might be Toscanini conducting Beethoven, or Bruno Walter conducting Mozart. Now, as the original-instrument ensembles claim classical repertory persistently and persuasively, Mozart and even Beethoven are increasingly deemed "off limits" to the symphony orchestras.

Go back 15 years, and the symphonic world was crazy about Mahler. His music was noisy and rich in angst: marvellous for record companies wanting to show off their latest audio technology and conductors keen to flaunt their choreographic virility. Mahler gave music critics the chance to play at being psycho-analysts, and vice versa. He wrote tunes, but had interesting modern hangups - a marketing man's dream

But our concert halls and record catalogues have become saturated with Mahler. It is the Casablanca syndrome: you do not actually need to see the film, because you can replay all the scenes in your head. The problem is, when people start replaying Mahler in their heads, a great many musicians will be out of a job.

Bruckner was once thought a suitable alternative, but he led too blameless a life to grip the fevered modern imagination. More to the point, his music sent audiences to sleep. The neurotic and grandiose Elgar would be perfect, except that his appeal seems to stop at Dover. Tchaikovsky is considered too hackneyed; Bartók, Stravinsky and the other 20th-century giants still do not guarantee big enough audiences.

What the orchestras need is a composer born in the late 19th century who wrote brilliantly colourful music, surging with Romantic passion and magnificent tunes, yet also containing some promising enigmas.

A composer who comes com-plete with a cupboard of skeletons to excite the prurient: a tortured homosexual in an unsympathetic climate; an aristocrat given a rough ride in a revolutionary age, a spendthrift frittering away a fortune on a complex private life; an academic executing some classic back-stabbing manoeuvres on colleagues; a man, lame from childhood, doomed by tuberculosis to an early grave. In short, they need Karol Szymanowski.

Or so the South Bank Centre believes. This Saturday, it launches a three-month concert series entitled "Poland's last romantic:

Richard Morrison explains why the South Bank is suddenly interested in a little

known composer with a

spicy background called Karol Szymanowski





The symphonic world was crazy about Gustav Mahler (above): will Szymanowski (right), with his mysterious past, be a worthy successor?

The inspiration of Karol Szymanowski". To describe a man who died in 1937 as Poland's last romantic suggests that someone at the Festival Hall has never met any Poles. But the enterprise should not be mocked; it will give Szymanowski's symphonies, concertos, songs, chamber music and his mystical opera King Roger their greatest exposure ever. If he has not caught the hearts and minds of London music-lovers by June, he never will.

The South Bank, in conjunction with Sony, has even produced a free "sampler" cassette, a promotional tape which the box office is giving away to whet the punters' appetites. "We feel that the music will sell itself when people get a chance to hear it," says the South Bank's director of marketing, Mike McCart - clearly one of nature's optimists.

One hopes he is right, because the figure of Szymanowski con-

stitutes an unlikely but crucial test for what might grandly be called the "South Bank philosophy". At the Festival Hall, they believe that a journey of adventure and discovery lies waiting for audi-ences, if only they have the nerve to sample hitherto unexplored pockets of repertoire. This is what the newly chosen resident orchestra is supposed to do.

n alternative philosophy, more cynical and gloomy, has already been adopted de facto by the multinational record companies. It is that any classical music worth discovering has already been discovered, performed, recorded, and probably emblazoned on the front of Tshirts too. So the future consists of endlessly repeated cycles of a static repertoire, varied only by increasingly microscopic differences in interpretation, and by

the amount of crass hype bestowed upon pretty teenage prodi-

gies masquerading as virtuosi. So can Szymanowski pull it off for the South Bank idealists? A glowing endorsement from his own countrymen may not be the most objective assessment, but it

Witold Lutoslawski, generally considered the finest present-day Polish composer, told The Times: "When I was 11, I heard for the first time Szymanowski's Third Symphony. For me, it was as if a gate had been opened into a fantastic garden, unknown to me before. Afterwards I ran home and spent days trying to recapture those sounds on the piano. It was as though I had been drugged, and for several weeks I went around in a state of shock."

Another present-day Polish composer, Andrzej Panufnik, recalled that Szymanowski took on

"the task of trying single-handedly to bring the excessively backward Polish school of composition up to date". To achieve that, he did admittedly indulge in a magpielike tendency to borrow other composer's styles. That probably accounts for one's feeling of familiarity, even when listening to a Szymanowski score for the first time: the mystic ecstacy pinched from Scriabin, the luscious orches-

tral effects from Strauss, the

sophisticated treatment of folk-

songs learnt from Stravinsky, and Nevertheless, in his best works the Stabat Mater, the violin concertos and King Roger -Szymanowski grips the listener's attention superbly, with or without a little help from his friends. Having the misfortune to be born in the same year as Stravinsky and Kodály, he was overshadowed

even in his own centenary year. Perhaps his time has finally come.

Sent on eagle's wings

CONCERT Hilary Finch

RPO/Temirkanov Barbican

One of Tchaikovsky's earliest birthday presents, in the year of the 150th anniversary of his birth, was Evgeny Kissin's performance on Tuesday of his First Piano Concerto. It may well also turn out to be one of the best.

The 19-year-old Moscow-born pianist takes a Herculean view of the work. It begins, perhaps, with a determination to compensate for his own diminuitive physical presence: the whole body is put deliberately and highly effectively into action to power the massive opening chords; the entire spinal column and balance of the legs determines the weight and clarity

of his springing octaves.

But it goes much further than mere physical prowess. Indeed, virtnesity seemed a by-product, albeit a marvellous one, of a reading which was as big in its thinking, as long-sighted in its goals and as sure of its structural framework as the work itself. Kissin's is the sort of playing that convinces the listener (perhaps even deceptively so) of the rightheadedness of the work.

There are for instance, the chains of sequences taking off with eagles' wings; there is the con-fidence with which the piano takes the lead without ever needing to drive the development forward; and there is the instinctive understanding of the closed, obsessive quality of much of the rhythmic writing in the concerto's slow

The coda, above all, vindicated Kissin's approach. His achievement, under the sympathetic ba-ton of Yuri Temirkanov, was to find its exact proportion in terms of pace, weight and timbre: the balance was precisely struck, the evolution of the entire work

Kissin's playing seemed, in turn, to stimulate many of the orchestra's own soloists. There were some particularly fine flute phrasings, which went on to be the glory of the extracts from Act II of

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker. Temirkanov is at his best as a man of the theatre, and the physical delight in the rhythms and movement of this music was communicated irresistibly to his

Fright at the opera

OPERA Adrian Dannatt

Die Meistersinger Théâtre Châtelet

The roll-call of controversial Wagthe cat-calls of the Parisian audience, and the two have come together, explosively, with this new production. It is a long time since this reviewer has enjoyed the frisson of so many whistles, boos and shouts of "merde!" in the middle of the music, or witnessed that historical rarity, a genuine punch-up in the stalls.

Nobody doubted the vocal splendours of Jose van Dam as Sachs, Lucia Popp as Eva, or the gutsy musical direction of Marek Janowski. The outrage belongs entirely to Claude Régy, with his singular interpretation of the work. Far from assuming, as the rest of the world does, that Die Meistersinger is Wagner's com-edy, Régy has discovered it as a dark, mysterious tragedy.

Like all revisionist directors, he had in-depth research and source material to back up his interpreta-tion. But though Meistersinger is undoubtedly a darker piece than usually played, Regy's symbolism is often ludicrously over-the-top. If the ritualistic, quasi-fascistic masculinity of the master singers themselves is well emphasized by the gravity of the production, other subtleties of tone are lost. Régy has turned the opera into a Prince tavern romp, and his vast hymn to the Judao-Christian notoriety will be assured.

dark ages, complete with cruci-fixion, rain and fire. Roberto Plate's starkly minimalistic set contains the action within a giant cube, with everyone dressed in shades of Luftwaffe grey, apart from Sachs. There is also much nudity, enormous chains, an outsized skull, and stone tablets carried on and off stage, accompanied by an huge gold throne and silver ladder.

The lighting and sets are exceptionally beautiful, with an austere sophistication guaranteed to infuriate those expecting doublets, hose and tankards of frothing jollity. The final scene, with the spotlit throne against an endlessly receding vista of stairway and massed choirs of grey, matches the grandeur of the music with an

awe-inspiring power. Such a bare production, abstract as music itself, rather than diverting attention from the opera. places an unusual emphasis upon the music and singing to the exclusion of all else, an emphasis

But however dramatic the stage may look, it has precious little drama on it between the symbolic high-points. Act III undoubtably drags, and Regy's tendency to build every act to a climax of visual effects leaves their opening hour or so with little relief.

Perhaps this opera cannot bear the weight of so much heavyhanded symbolism, and perhaps Regy's interpretation is open to accusations of over-intellectualization. But this Meistersinger is worth more than screams of derision. Indeed, for those who do not favour on-stage funny-stuff it is a welcome relief, proof that a touch of seriousness need not be fatal. All Regy has to do now is produce The Ring as a Student

Stubbled thrasher

ROCK Jasper Rees

Lloyd Cole Hammersmith Odeon

"Talk among yourselves for a moment," said Lloyd Cole in performance at the Hammersmith Odeon. He might have added "while I play a few thrash metal numbers from my new album". All artists like a change of direction, but not all their fans do.

In the days when Cole used to wear his brain on his sleeve, he was called an adolescent show-off It would appear that he has taken the ribbing to heart. Having retained only keyboardist Blair Cowan from the Commotions the Scottish band with whom he made three very presentable, if undergraduatish albums — and replaced them with a five-strong crew of more hard-edged musicians he picked up in New York (including Matthew Sweet on bass and Robert Quine on lead guitar), Cole seems determined to play the

post-pimple rocker. There is no harm done in his trying to look the part (enter stubble, shades and floppy bob), but when he tries to sound the part things go wrong (exit melodic subtlety of old).

More than once he defiantly introduced songs as ones that he liked even if no one else did ("what the hell - it's my concert"), and he avoided one of the favourites that



Lloyd Cole: post-pimple rocker

most of the audience encored his for ('I'm not gonna play all of 'em"), choosing instead to exit on "Mercy Killing", which is not much more than a dense cluster of decibels. To quote Cole against himself, he seemed to be cutting off his nose to spite his face.

If he failed to end with "Forest Fire", at least he opened with "Perfect Skin", into which he segued after a short sharp cover of aul McCartney's "Why Don't We Do It In The Road". Pumpedup and feed-backed, it was a vociferous statement of intent. Honourably excepting "A Long

Way Down" and "Don't Look Back", two of the choicest compositions from the new album, it was Cole's old songs which gave shape to the show — "Main-stream" and "Are You Ready To Be Heartbroken?" - and even older songs by singers Cole seems to have appointed as his forebears: Presley's "Little Sister" an Dylan's "She Belongs To Me".

Cole has declared himself keen to produce Dylan's next album, so singing one of his songs came across not so much as an act of idolatry as an audition. On the strength of his new adult sound. one would not like to bet that he

Not quite the dream ticket The foyer at the Lyric was more

than usually mobbed by gilded first-nighters yesterday evening; and they were not there to reassess William Inge, who committed suicide in 1973 in despair at his failure to write another Picnic or Bus Stop, huge Broadway suc-

No, the magnet clearly was one Jerry Hall, who (as you may know) is not a bloke, nor a large house, but an American model extremely famous for being extremely famous. She was making her first significant appearance on stage in a role played on screen by someone with more substantial acting credentials, Marilyn Monroe.

It would be nice to report that the dead dramatist emerged with his reputation enhanced and the aspiring actress with hers established. But that was scarcely the case. If the evening was not a chic embarrassment, it failed to communicate the frustration, desolation and quiet, biting pain the doomed Inge wanted.

Hall is Cherie, an inept chanteuse brashly abducted by a cowboy bent on marriage. Other loners, losers and misfits also gather in the cream-and-brown

diner where a convenient snowstorm has marooned them. But it is this mismatched duo's love-war that gives an unhurried play such tension and momentum as it has. Something is doubly amiss with their pairing from the start, since "the tender little bird" as Inge called Cherie, looms over her "tall, outdoors" swain like a swan over a moorhen. You never believe for a moment that the

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

> **Bus Stop** Lyric Theatre DONALD COOPER



Jerry Hall: a traffic-stopper

long, lissom Hall could be forced on to a bus by Shaun Cassidy's slight Bo, with his clean jeans,

shampooed hands, and distinctly indoors machismo.

buffeted by the all-American elements. She is forlorn, dreamy, languid, world-weary, and sports a plausible Southern accent; but she scarcely has the blend of hardness and stricken helplessness you might expect of someone whose background is white-trash hill country, whose short adulthood has consisted of amusing drunks in and out of tacky nightclubs, and whose career prospects would seem confined to serving in dimestore or bar. Hall's brave if muted attempt to pass off Vanity Fair as the National Inquirer just does not pass muster.

Partly as a result, Inge emerges as little more than the soft-centred laureate of mid-Western folksiness. There must always be something irritatingly homespun about lines like (this from the inevitable sheriff), "Man don't deserve the things he loves unless he kin be humble about getting them".

There will always be something sentimental in the notion that this gruff wisdom could convert raw, meaty Bo into someone tender enough to win over wincing Cherie. Yet a tougher production than Phil Oesterman's might show that, in his wistful way, Inge understood the pinch of the heart and ache of the parts below.

As it is, only a subplot, about an ageing lecher's sly flirtation with an innocent waitress, shows us anything of this darker Inge. There, David Healy does give us a glimpse of the humiliation and self-disgust behind his florid grins and fruity chuckles. But it is not

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Nor has Hall been visibly Partial portrait of the Forties

If the Savoy Theatre had had the grace to catch fire a week or two earlier, Thark would not have found itself stranded in No Man's Land, committed to move from Hammersmith yet denied entrance to the West End. Its place in the Lyric's main house has been filled by the Cut and Thrust Company climbing swiftly from the Studio Theatre downstairs with this production playing here till Saturday, the excellent Hangover Square next week, and In Pursuit of the English again the week after.

The company have evidently bedded themselves further into their roles than when Benedict Nightingale reviewed the production in January, yet this adaptation by Katie Campbell of Doris Lessing's autobiographical memoir still seems curiously empty.

Of atmosphere there is plenty. In Doris's war-damaged room in Jeremy Kingston In Pursuit of

the English Lyric, Hammersmith

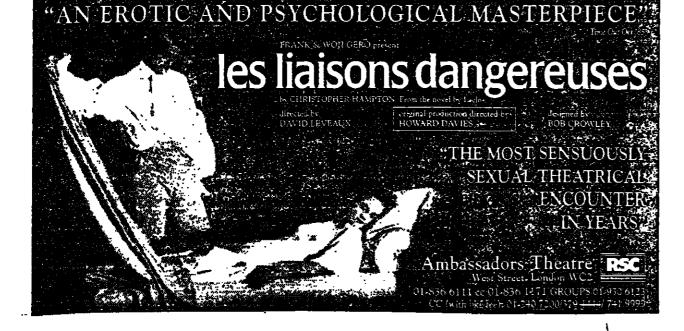
the East End the fallen pla exposes damp brick-work; the look of the Forties is on display in the floral housecoats and padded shoulders, and the predominantly awful working-class people she chooses to meet are prejudiced,

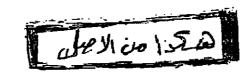
petty and a grievous disappoint-ment to a left-winger witnessing a Labour government at work. The trouble lies in the meek and mild character of the fictional Doris, played by Melanie Jessop with wide eyes and wide, meredulous smile. Shumi ing it with a

as a Rachman, she toleran everything with an uncom interest. Not even Isherwood was so detached. The scenes she selects to record disclose her disapproval, but her disinclin to argue creates a moral void.

For a play set precisely in 1949, Matthew Francis's production could have chosen his pop songs to make tarter comments on the action — no "Candy Kisses", "So Tired" or "Dear Hearts and Gentie People" — but within the occasional scene his cast run up some decent dramatic exchang The sensual fondling Shella Reid's dreamy Flo gives her weight-lifter son (Ben Porter) is

intriguing; and both Pippa Geard's shop girl Rose, stapidly clinging to her useless man, and Celia Imrie's spleadidly contempsquabbling family who cadge her tuous Midlands tart are fags, covet her nylons and hound convincing performances. tuous Midlands tart are clever.





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Sent of eagle Hollywood's slaves to war minutely and spectacularly created, and handsomely pleased in the bards some in manages to make the special commanders to the special

ing time out to excoriate the sins of Ball Street (1987) and Talk Radio (1988), Stone now resumes the Vietnam flagellation with Born on the Fourth of July (18, Empire I, Screen-on-the-Green).

This time his subject is the lost generation that served and suffered and emerged disillusioned, and to which he himself belongs. The script is based on the memoirs of Ron Kovic, who co-authored the script with Stone. Kovic, played by Tom Cruise, is first seen as a wide-eyed innocent, elated by patriotism, going straight from college into the Marines, the volunteer corps that represents for Americans the highest ideal of military glory.

The glory swiftly tarnishes in

the Asian swamps. Kovic is devastated when he accidentally shoots one of his buddies and finds that no-one cares to know. In time, he is wounded himself, and returns home paralysed from the waist down, humiliated by the maze of catheters that replace his destroyed urinary system.

He is bewildered by the changes in America, with its vociferous anti-war movement. He passes

n the footsteps of the educated Rita and Shirley Valentine, comes another Willy Russell heroise battling free from the oppressions of a provincial life that is (in Russell's vision) hopeless, male-dominated, without horizons for the imagination or ambition

Dancin' Thru The Dark (15, Warner West End), adapted from Russell's play, Stags and Hens, is an account of a night in a Liverpool club where Dave (Conrad Nelson) has his stag party and, by mis-chance, his fiancée, Linda (Claire Hackett) chooses to take her hen-

To complicate things, Linda's old flame Peter (Con O'Neill) is in town for a one-night gig with his pop group. While Dave lies paralytic drunk in a lavatory cubicle, Linda sees in Peter what might have been, and the chance of escape.

In previous films written by Russell, we have only glimpsed odd figures from provincial life. The whole panorama shown here is unsparing in its picture of ignorance, cruelty, jealousy, lust, prurience, prodery, drunkenness, pretention. Only Peter and Linda are allowed some better qualities, a Merseyside Romeo and Juliet.

The text pre-dates Educating



Marching to battle: Glory's 54th Regiment; right, Tom Cruise as the wheel-chair bound Vietnam veteran from his first disillusion and generation which goes to the tion resources and dramatic power to a story of self-discovery.

disorientation to become a charismatic leader of the Veterans Against Vietnam movement.

Stone spares us nothing: the horrors of the front; the over-crowded military hospitals where heipless patients lie among vermin and their own excretia; violent police action against dissident groups; above all, the pain of recognizing that the faith and the sacrifice were all wasted.

Nowadays, of course, such statements do not require great liberal courage. Peace is fashionable and all this is history. Vietnam is more than 20 years away; the veterans are in their 40s (Stone is 44; Kovic, 45); the

Battling

heroines

much more sketchy. It is conceived

as a musical, and Russell's own

compositions sound still more

archaic than the date of the piece,

adding to the sense of Liverpool as

a place that time forgot. Dancin'

Thru The Dark is the first film by

the theatre director, Michael

Ockrent, to whom credit must go

for the well-matched performances

The method of Bertrand Blier's

comedies is to over-turn expecta-

tions – as in *Tenue de Soiree*,

where he had the ox-like Gerard

Depardieu in desperate romantic

In Trop Belle Pour Toi (18,

Lumière, Chelses Cinema, Cam-

den Plaza) Depardieu's predica-

ment, as the simple synopsis

explains, is that "I married my

mistress and only afterwards met

my wife. This is why all is not

A successful car dealer with an

exquisite and devoted wife (Carole

Bouquet), he is the envy of all his

friends. Not even he can com-

pursuit of a small married man.

by a largely unknown cast.

cinema now has grown-up since then and can see Vietnam objectively as the folly of their fathers.

They can, though, identify with Tom Cruise, the cleanest and brightest of the new generation, and since Top Gun, the all-American ideal. He is a capable as well as an attractive actor, and, even without his changing hairstyles, convincingly traces the psychological progression from golden college boy to steely-eyed liberal demagogue. Both he and the film hit a difficult patch with a drop-out sequence in a Mexican whore-house, but they recuperate for the finale of a film which

forming it and commanding it. Zwick has not, perhaps, the grandeur of concept which must be admired in Oliver Stone; but skilfully applies massive producthe period and events are lovingly, a plump, homely secretary, played

by Josiane Balasko. The simple device of relating the banal incidentals of infidelity, while reversing the cliché characters, is both exquisitely comic and satirically revealing in its commentary on marital relations. Skilfully written, structured and shot, the film moves smoothly

from banal reality to the surreal, from domestic comedy to scenes of true anguish, like the climactic dinner-table confrontation of the rivals. The performances are finely calculated, the ladies nicely off-set by Depardieu, in his growing confusion and final defeat.

The National Film Theatre is currently presenting a special tribute to the distribution company, Gala, which, for the last 40 years, has been bringing foreignlanguage films to British screens.

House of Bernarda Alba (15, Cannon Premiere), is not perhaps one of the most sparkling of Gala's most recent releases. For literati, it offers a loyal reading of Lorca's most famous play, with an excellent cast of actresses; but Mario Camus, somewhat misinterpreting Jean Renoir's dictum that "all that is projected on a screen becomes a film" has shot it in a pedestrian made-for-TV style, which demonstrates that in films, a good text

minutely and spectacularly re-created, and handsomely photographed by Freddie Francis, who manages to make the special effects in the battle scenes look like documentary.

Kevin Jarre's screenplay falls too much into the familiar modes of historical reconstruction: characters are schematic and their fates predictable: we know, for example, in advance that the scholarly pacifist will wield his bayonet when the need arises; and that it will be the rebellious runaway slave who seizes the standard in the final battle scene. James Horner's over-wrought score, with its chorales by the Boys Choir of Harlem, also falls into cliches of historical spectacle; but there is an earnestness and sincerity about the film which makes it, at its best, very affecting.

comfortable piece of America's history, and the forced maturing This best is in large part due to the performances. The main role of Shaw strains the range of of another young man. 50,000 young Americans died in Vietnam; 700,000 in the Civil War. Matthew Broderick: but in any Edward Zwick's film recreates the case he would be out-classed by story of the 54th Massachusetts the performances of the black Volunteers – the first black regiment, raised in 1862 – and the 23-year-old officer, Robert Gould Shaw, who was given the task of actors. Denzel Washington's independent-minded, trouble-making runaway slave has been justly nominated for the Best Supporting Actor "Oscar"; and he has keen competition from the sagacious Morgan Freeman (who has a Best Actor nomination for Driving



Back to the future

Wilf Stevenson,

director of the British Film

Institute, defends

his proposals for the National

Film Archive

BBC and commercial TV acquisitions, form the basis of the National Television Archive. One of the key objectives of our

corporate plan is to make the BFI collections more accessible. This can, of course, only be done within the conditions established by our donor agreements, and while protecting the position of the rights holders. Additionally, an overriding priority must be given to the preservation of the material deposited with us.

air a significant selection of ITV and Channel 4 programmes However, only a small proporwhich, together with our earlier tion of the collections is acces-



Stevenson: challenging times

sible at present. Problems will arise when researchers start making requests for specific extracts. for then the responsibility for safeguarding the heritage will clash directly with the desire to make it accessible.

All the requests could be met if we had sufficient resources: our aim must be to have a preservation copy, intermediate printing material and viewing copies of every item in the collections. At the moment, we do not have

seem unavoidable. However it is also vital that the BFI as a whole is in a position to respond to this centenary. Publi-

them, and difficult decisions

cation of books and articles, educational support, NFT screenings, MOMI exhibition activities and new research programmes need to be mounted to integrate the approach and to maximize the opportunity. The BFI has a well-carned reputation of meeting such chal-

lenges in full. With a new curator, and with the assistance of his predecessor David Francis (who has accepted a research fellowship with the Institute) we intend to develop policies to resolve the competing demands.

Given the time that will be required to research these issues. it is surely responsible of us to put on the agenda the scale and scope of the BFI's remit in archival matter. It is only by debating the issues now that we will be able to decide on the campaign that should be mounted to shift current government thinking And it is only by planning now for the events we should be undertaking in 1995 that we will be in a position to raise the necessary funds.

The Greenwich

Cinema

A weekly selection of films re-cently released on video. The year refers to the date of first re-lease, or in the case of television films of first home-man films, of first broadcast.

THE BEST OF ERROL FLYNN (Warner): Package of Flynn swashed the best buckle in Hollywood. Captain Blood (1935, PC) offers romance and piracy on the high seas; Adventures of Robin Hood (1938, U) boasts jolly colour and a memorable Korngold score. The Private Lives of Elizabeth

"Gem of the week, the month and very likely the year.

It is a long time since I enjoyed a film this much."

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VIDEOBOX

Geoff Brown

and Essex (1939, U) gets bogged down in worthy words, though Bette Davis is a Queen to be reckoned with; the epic Western They Died With Their Boots On (1941, U) features Flynn twinkling roguishly as General Custer.

OSCARS BEST FOREIGN FILM NOMINATION

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DEAD RECKONING (RCA/Columbia, U): Humphrey Bogart as a World War Two veteran, whose search for a missing buddy leads him to a teasing femme fatale (Eliza-beth Scott). Too beetle-browed in tone to join the top film noir classics; tasty viewing nonetheless. Directed by John Cromwell. 1947.

VIII (CIC, 18): Subtitled "Jason Takes Manhattan", though some might wish the murderous ghost would take a permanent vacation instead. Mindless gore, staged with a trifle more flair than usual by tyro director Rob Hedden. 1989.

FRIDAY THE 13TH PART

JAMES DEAN — THE FIRST AMERICAN TEENAGER (Warner, 15): Ray Connolly's shallow portrait of the 1950s icon, co-produced by David Puttnam. Arcane clips of Dean's TV and advertising work are tantaliz-ing, but the interviews with old pals shed little light on the star's continuing appeal.

ROSELYNE AND THE LI (Palace, 15): Lavish ab-surdity from *Diva* director Jean-Jacques Beineix, following the fortunes of two youngsters (isabella Pasco, Gerard Sandoz) helibent on becoming lion-tamers. Training scenes have an undoubted fascination, but the film's grandiose trappings are just siily. 1989.

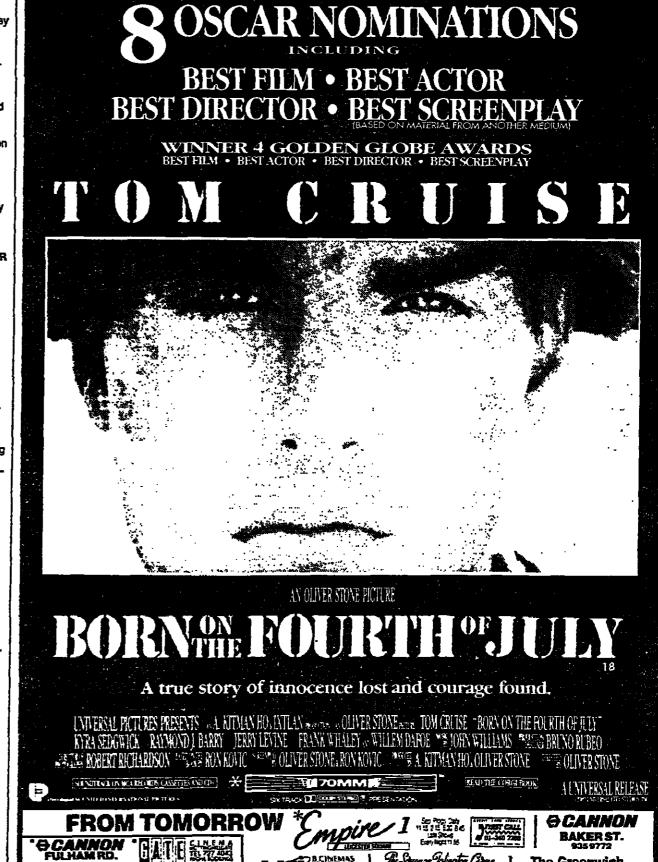
RUNNING ON EMPTY (Guild, 15): Sidney Lumet's powerful family melodrama with a political tinge. Christine Lahri and Judy Hirsch play anti-Vietnam activists still on the run from the FBI: River Phoenix is the son anxious to lead his own life. 1989.

THE WOLVES OF WIL-LOUGHBY CHASE (Entertainment in Video, PG): Rousing British fantasy adven-ture from Joan Aiken's novel, with Stephame Beacham as an odious governess from the imaginary reign of James III, tormenting her young charges, Stuart Orme directs, 1989.

Four-pack from the writer director's less anguished days. The manic Bananas (1971, 15) finds him mixed up in a Labri-American revolu-tion; Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (1972, 18) offers unevan jokes about the eternal topic; Sieeper (1973, PG) is a joyous science-liction lark, talk nicely balanced with visual slapstick. Finally Annie Hall (1977, 15); not just gags, but characters, relationships, and Diane Keaton.

15 Cert, in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

WOODY ALLEN (Warner):





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THEATRE

LONDON ☆ BLOOD BROTHERS: Wity Russel's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kild Dee as their mother. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-857 1115). Tube: Lecester Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mets Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, 28.90-£18.50. (D)

* BUS STOP: Jerry Hall plays Cherle, the nightclub singer, waiting for the bus at a Kansas diner, with Sean Cassidy as Bo Decker and David Healy as Dr

BO Decker and David Helary as Dr Gereld Lyman. Lyric Theatre, Shaflesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3888). Tube: Piccadilly Previews Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.45pm, mats Fri and Sat 8-8pm, £5-

* JACKETS II: Edward Bond's powerful, moving, angry play about society's crooked fabric, set in a riottom European city not unlike Lelicester, where the play was premiered. Bush Theetre, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (71-743 3388). Tube: Shepherds Bush . Preview tonight 8pm, opens tomorrow 7pm, Then Tues-Sun 8pm, 25.

☆ JOE TANNER'S COME AND GONE: Former chaingang prisoner takes his daughter to Pitisburgh to start life again: one of August Wilson's projected sequence of 10 black America plays, one for each decade of the 20th

One for Sean Decade of the 20th Century.
Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kiburn High Rd., NW6 (01-328 1000). Tube: Kiburn.
Previews from tonight, 7pm. Opens March 6, 7pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4pm. Previews and opening night 23.50, from March 7, £4.50-£8.

 ★ MAN OF THE MOMENT: Michael Ayckbourn's masterly harsh com good meets evil on the Costa del Sol Globe Theatre, Shaftasbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7 45-10.15pm, Sai 8-30-11pm, mass Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.30pm, £7-£16.50.

☆ THE MISUNDERSTANDING: No ransiation of Camus's 1944 play *Le Malemandu*, using the story of a son who returns home unrecognized to rais issues of responsibility, the authemic life and other timeless concerns. Gate Theatre, Prince Albert Public House, Pembridge Rd, W11 (01-229 0706). Tube: Notting Hill Gate. Opens tonight 7.30pm, £5.

★ MOSCOW SHADOWS: Barbara Lott and Josephine Tewson as two Moscow widows trading on the edge of the law, caught up in a murder case. New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (01-794 0022) Tuber Hampstead. Opens tonight 7pm. Then Tues-Sun, 8pm, mar Sat 4 30pm. Tues-Thurs and Sun £6, Fn and Sat eve £6.50, Sat mat

OUT OF TOWN

HARROGATE: ☆ Uncle Venye: Jonathan Sum plays the title role in David Mamer's adaptation of Chekhov. Harrogate Theatre, Oxford Street (0423 502116). Tues-Sat 7.45-10pm, £3-£7.

(1) Vivaldi: Four Seasons

Bernstein in Berlin .

Elgar: Cello Concerto Elgar: Cello Concerto Holst: The Planets

Vivaldi: Four Seasona

(16) Beethoven: Symphony 5.

Source: Music Week Research

Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto

LANCASTER: Bring Down the Sun: New Chris Hawes play combines a 17th century murder cover-up with something similar today. Dulies Theetire, Moors Lane (0524 66645), Tues-Sat 7.30pm, £3-25.25.

MANCHESTER: & The Winter's Tele: Sean Baker in Phillida Lloyd's directorial sizzling production; touring from Mar Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Square (061 633 9633). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Ser 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Set 4pm, £3.50-£13.

FILMS Also on national release

BLAZE (15): Colourful Americans from writer-director Ron Shelton, with Paul Newman in commanding form as againg Louistana governor Earl Long, Innocently in love with a stripper (newcomer Lolita Davidovich) (118

mins). Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.40, 5.20, 8.25, Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.30, 3.10, 5.50, 8.35, Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.10, 5.30, 8.10. CASUALTIES OF WAR (18)

American stroctiles in Vietnam, viewed thoughtfully by director Brian De Palma; with Michael J Fox as the solder standing apart from the brutal artics of Sean Penn (114 mins). Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12-56, 3.25, 6.05, 8.35.

DRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Sweet, endeering fith of Alfred Unry's play about a refined Southern lady (Jessica Tandy) and her black chaufteur (Morgan Freeman). Nominated for nine Oscars; directed by Bruce Berestord. Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.45.

FAMILY BUSINESS: Cornedy-drama drawn upon a novel by Vincent Patrick with Sean Connery and Dustin Hoffman as members of a family of crime (100 mins). Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.05, 2.45, 5.35, 8.25.

II HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U): The Disney studio's endearing, family-slanted variation on The Incredible stantage Man, with Rick Moraris as the fuctions inventor who accidentally shrinks his children to minuscule size. Directed by Joe Johnston (102 mins). Odeon Kensington (01-802 6644). ngton (01-602 6644). Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.45. 1.UU, 3.30, 6.10, 8.45. Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

ee (01-352 5096). JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An updated version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. Strained satural fireworks from Denys Arcand, Canadian director of The Decline of the American Empire (120

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Du Pré/Barenboim/PDO, CBS

Hogwood/AAM, L'Oise

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Progs 1 00, 3,30, 5,05, 8,40, Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.00, 3,30, 6,05, 8,40.

Traces of heat and light



"The Big Heat" (above) by critically acclaimed Scottish artist Mario Rossi is based on a still from the Fritz Lang film of the same title. It costs £8,000 and is one of a recent series of paintings loosly inspired by cinema. The artist says that his use of "The Big Heat" was not out of any intrinsic interest in the subject but because this particular shot could be reduced to traces of heat and light. Although some pigment is used, this painting, which is 6 feet by 8 feet, comprises mainly iron rust and gold leaf which blurs and scuffs a precise under-drawing. Using the enigmatic language peculiar to artists describing their work, Rossi makes the following statement about this and recent pictures: "These are paintings of collisions, collisions of materials gold and rust, image and surface, wherein

SEA OF LOVE (18): Superior thrifler,

emotionally involved with a murder suspect (Ellen Barkin). Directed by

Harold Becker (113 mins). Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.25, 5.40, 8.20.

Progs 2.25, 5.40, 8.20. Carmon Futham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.20, 6.00, 9.00. Carmon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.35, 3 10, 5.45, 8.20.

Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.30, 6.20, 8 50.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Dawdling but handsome version of Robert

but narroscene version or Hobert Harting s play about the camaraderie of Southern women, gathered together in a beauty parlour With Sally Field, Dolly Parlon and Shirley MacLaine. Directed by Herbert Ross (117 mins). Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12 10, 255, 5.40, 8.25.

CONCERTS

Symphony No 5 are played by the Trinity College of Music Symphony Orchestra under Odaline de la Marchez. St John's, Smith Sq. London W1 (01-222 1061), 7pm, free.

Restoration String Quartet, Emma Kirkby (soprano) and others perform Stradelle, Steffani, Marini, Purcell and

Blow. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£12.

Odeon Kensington (01-602 6544). Progs 12.35, 3 15, 6.00, 8.40. Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4 15, 6.55, 9.25. Whiteleys (01-792 3878).

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★ FROM TRINITY: Beethoven's Symptomy No. 7 and Shallus's

eys (01-792 3303)

Progs 1.05, 4.05, 6.35, 9.05,

crackling with electricity. Al Pacino stars as a New York cop who becomes

each is denied an authority over the other. Th meanings, like the images, hover somewhere off the surfaces of the works." As is so often the case with talented artists what the viewer experiences and what the artists intends are often exclusive. What is constant with Rossi's work is an ability to make whatever their meaning might be. New paintings by Mario Rossi are on show from today at Anderson O'Day Gallery, 255 Portobello Road, Loudon W11 (01-221 7592), Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5.30pm, free, until March 31. His work is also featured in "Scottish Art since 1900", which continues at Barbican Art Gallery.

☆ BLECH'S EIGHTIETH: See cicture. ■ LOCK UP (18): Sylvester Statione trying to soft-pedal the brutality and brawn as a model prisoner faced with an Barbican Centre, Sfik St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, 26.50mins). Cannon Oxford Street (01-836 0310). Progs 12.40, 3.15, 5.50, 8.25.

 ★ JOHN LILL: The plantist plays
Mozart's Sonata K 576, Schumenn's
Carnaval, Brahms's Rhapsodies Op 79
and Prokofley's Sonata No 6.
Turner Stms Concert Hall, Southampton
Table 18 Content Hall, Southampton University, Southampton (0703 671771), 8om, £6.

OPERA

☆ DON PASQUALE: Cast changes at the Royal Opera today as Enc Garrett takes over the title role in its Donizetti revival, and William Shimell becomes the new Or Malatesta. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10pm, £2.50-£64.

☆ BLUEBEARD/OEDIPUS REX: GOURSH Opera s powerful Bartok/Stravmsky double-bill directed by Stefanos Lazardis. Not to be missed. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£25.50. Scottish Opera s powerful

☆ DER ROSENKAVALIER: First night of Wolfgang Weber's new production for

Harry Blech (right) conducts the

his eightieth birthday gala concert

at the Barbican Centre (see list-

ing). Blech formed the London

a recording with EMI. He has long

been associated with the LMP and

the Haydn-Mozart Society and

has appeared as guest conductor

with the London Philharmonic,

London Symphony, Royal Phil-harmonic and Philharmonia Or-

chestras. After five years of retirement, Blech still holds the

record for conducting appearances

at the Royal Festival Hall, where

he has given 343 concerts.

Creaser Gallery, 316 Portobello Rd, London W10 (01-960 4928), Tues-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, free, until March 31. PHILIP JONES: Turbulent landscape parmings which lean towards abstraction. ssa Deversux Gallery, 11 Bienneim Crescent, London W11 (01-221 6836), Tues-Fri 10am-8pm, Set 11am-5pm, free, until March 31.

PUTRISHA LAWLOR: Broadly executed

London Mozart Players tonight at Mozart Players in 1949 which was immediately successful and led to

Weish National Opera, with Sir Charles Mackerras conducting cast including Rits Culis and Amenda Roocroft. New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844), 6.30-10.30pm, £8.50-£30.

GALLERIES

FRED CUMING RA: Small landso oils by a tonal painter and colourist. New Gratton Gallery, 49 Church Rd, London SW13 (01-748 8850), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until March 24. LAMENT FOR THE POETIC: New work inspired by classical fragments by Brian

dark landscapes by a recent Royal College graduate. Art Space Gallery, 84 St Peter's St, London N1 (01-359 7002), Tues-Sat 2-



MADRID PRINTS: Works by 11 artists from the New Realist School of painter of urban life in Madrid.

MecRoberts Arts Centre, The University, String (0786 73171), Tues-Set 11am-Som, free, until March 30. ALBERT FRVIN: Large, zestivi ebstract

paintings. Girripel File, 30 Devies St, London W1 (97-493 2488), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Set 10am-1pm, free, until March 17. JOSEPH WRIGHT OF DERBY (1734-1797): 120 portraits, landscapes and dramatic, original scenes of workmen and scientific experiments. Tate Gallery, Millientk, London SW1 (01-821 7128), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, £3, until April 22.

ROCK

★ UB40: Virtually the only British group to have made a long-term, commercially successful career out of playing reggee (pace Aswad), even if their last single, a version of Al Green's "Here I am (Come and Take Me)", falled to breach the Top

NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), 7.30pm, 213.80, for two rights.

☆ JOHNNY CLEGG: With his sea tusion of western rock and township five he is beginning to sound like a pan-African version of Phil Collins on his AITICEN VERSION OF ITAL COMM New Album Cruel, Crazy, Bu wono. Royal Concert Hall, Theatre Sq. Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30pm, 26.

* CHRIS REA: From "Road to Hell" to his latest hit "Tell Me There's a Heaven"; is there a religious sub-text to the portly Northerner's neo-Knopfler-list

Showering Pavilion, Shepton Mailet (0749 82211), 7.30pm, £12.50-£13.50. ☆ GEORGIA SATELLITES: Boozy,

bluesy, good-rocking Atlanta quarter plugging its recent, unjustly neglected album in the Land of Salvation and Sin. Junction 10, Bertley Rd North, Walsall (0822 648100), 8pm, £8.

JAZZ

★ HILTON RUIZ: The high-octane Latin planist embarks on an Arts Council tour, has eight-pecs playing material from recent Novus albums Including Strut. Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £5.50, £7.50.

of tree improvization and Duseland from the soprano player's sextet. Band On The Wall, Swan St, Manchester (061 832 8625), doors open 8.30pm, £5, £6.

☆ JONATHAN GEE: A bright and inventive modern planist, playing original material with a trio including drummer Winston Citiford. Rosehili Theatre, Moresby, Whitehaven (0946 692422), 8pm, £3.75.

★ 1990 BRITISH JAZZ
EXTRAVAGANZA: An all-star package that brings together the bands of Kenny Baff, Acker Blik and Kenny Baker, with guest artists including George Hawth Theatre, Hawth Avenue, Crawley (0293 553636), 8pm, £7.50, £8.50.

DANCE

* PRINCE OF THE PAGODAS: Kewneth cMillan's latest creation for the Royal Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486), 7.30pm, £6.50-£22.

★ EGG DANCING: Performers aged eight to 70 in works by Rosemary Lee. The Place, Duke's Rd, London WC1

☆ NEW CHOREOGRAPHERS: Three works by unestablished creators.
Third Eye Centre, Sauchehall St,
Glasgow (041 332 7521), 7.30pm, £2.50
and £3.50.

OTHER EVENTS

DINOSAURS ALIVE: An exhibition DINCARUNS ALLIVE: An exhibition about the rise and tall of one of the most popular prehistoric reptiles. Full and half-sized robotic creatures operated by computers and compressed air provide the continuous.

the excitament.
City of Edinburgh Art Centre, 2 Market
St, Edinburgh Until June 3. Mon-Sat
10an-5.30pm, late opening Thurs until
9pm, Sun noon-5pm. Adult 21, Child
65p.

EAST ANGLIA SPRING ANTIQUES

and fine period furniture, with mainly pre-1890 antiques. Dealers will be giving advice to new collectors on a variety of specialist subjects, with no obligation to

buy. The Athenaeum, Bury St Edmunde, Surfolk. Today 2-7pm, tomorrow 11am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Adult £1, Child (must be over eight) 50p.

LITERATURE OF THE SOUTH BANK: Two Welsh posts — Tony Curbs and Robert Minhimitek — read from their works, appropriately on St David's Day. The Voice Box, Royal Festival Hall. South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). 8pm, adult £2.50, student £1.50.

WALKS

HIDDEN CURIOS AND COURTYARDS OF OLD LORDON: Meet St Paul's tube 10.30am, £3 (01-624 9981). A WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SMERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Baker Street tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-868 4019).

A GHOST PUB WALK: Meet Temple tube, 7.35pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019). LEGAL LONDON — BINS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: Meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

TALKS

EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: Lecture by Lord Carrington. University of Buckingham, Redcliffe Centre, Church St. Buckingham (028 814080), 6.30pm, free.

TEETH AND ARCHAEOLOGY: Lunchtime lecture by Dr S.W. Hillson. University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower St, London WC1, 1.15pm, free.

GALLERY LECTURE: Wendy Nelson-Cave talks about George Bernard Shaw and the Victorian theatre. *National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Piece, London WC2 (01-830 1552), 1.10pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL: Twelfth NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL: Twenthy restival highlights include Talich Quartet of Prague, Israel Plano Trio, Dorlan Wind Quintet of New York, Paul Hansard's puppets, New Orleans Marcif Gras, Benny Green with Marton Montgomery, Paco Peria, George Melly, and Opera Restor'd with 18th Century English operas, May 9-19. Friends booking from today. General from March 15.

ival Office, Suite 3, Town Hell, Newbury, Berkshire (0635 49919 or

THE DOLMETSCH YEARS: Festival to celebrate liftleth anniversary of death of the early music pioneer Arnold Dolmetsch. Concerts feature the Guildhall String Ensemble, Jennifer Arnold Dolmetsch. Also Jennifer Bate, the King's Singers, Travor Pinnock, Mehyn Tan, Richard Baker, Antony Hopkins. May 22-29. St John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01-222 1081). Booking opens today.

WEMBLEY: Booking for The Hollies and The Mission (March), Phil Collins (April), Five Star (May), Bilty Joel, Magnum (June), and Prince (July). Wembley Startium, Wembley, Wembley Stadium, Wemi Middlesex (01-900 1234).

LAST CHANCE

ROYAL LOVE LETTERS: Thirty letters on display, including Henry VIII's expressions of intent to Anne Boleyn, and Edward VIII's declarations to Mrs Simpson. Ends Sun. Royal Britain, Aldersgate St, London EC2 (01-588 0588).

ALICE MAHER: Recent works exploring possibilities of combining painting and drawing with installation. Ends Sat. Art Council Gallery, Sedford St, Belfas (0232 321402).

BERNADETTE KERR: Twelve peintings inspired by Italy and its art by a tecturer at the British School in Rome. Ends Fri. London W1 (01-355 1880).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazze Clive Davis; Dence: John Percival: Galleries David Lee: Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne

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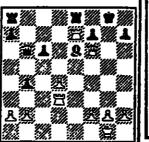
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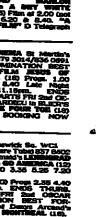
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Women in a man's world

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Taking its cue from the miserably small representation of women in the House of Commons (42 MPs out of 650), Safe Sex for a Safe Seat (BBC2, 9.30pm) looks at the selection process in the Conservative constituency of High Peak in Derbyshire. The reason for the paucity of women in Parliament, it is suggested, is not that voters don't like them but that so few are chosen to stand. Even women on selection committees, it seems, are likely to choose men. Teresa Gorman, who has managed to be both selected and elected, reckons that even if they choose a woman, local parties are really looking for an imitation man. The



Hopeful: prospective candidate Cheryl

Gillan is on the shortlist (BBC2, 9.30pm) deeper the voice, she claims, the better the chances. To their credit, none of the three female hopefuls featured in Ruth Jackson's 40 Minutes film take her advice. Their progress is followed as the original 270 applicants are whittled down to a shortlist of 22 and an even shorter list of three, from which the prospective candidate emerges. Viewers can amuse themselves placing bets on the chances of Cheryl (pronounced Sheryl) Gillan, former chairman of the Bow Group and a smile for all seasons: Angela Knight, a combative member of Sheffield City Council with forthright views on dog dirt; and Melinda Libby. the youngest of the trio at 31, single and in advertising. With the camera permitted to eavesdrop on the interviews, much fascinating footage emerges. There is nothing like watching someone else going through the mill. But, given the premise of the programme, it would have been interesting to have heard from the selection committee how much the sex of the candidates determined their choice. After the raucous excesses of some of the Comic Strip offerings, Spaghetti Hoops (BBC2, 9.00pm) seems determined to go the other way. The pace is leisurely, the decibel level is low. Almost no one overacts, not Alexei Sayle, not French or Saunders and certainly not Nigel Planer, in the central role of an Italian banker who steals \$200 million and, with two hit men in pursuit, turns up in London. This curiously subdued piece tilts at a number of targets, from the Freemasons to Perrier water (though it was clearly in the can before the recent Perrier scare), while resisting the temptation to dwell on the obvious jokes. The humour is so quiet at times that you can almost forget that this is a spoof.

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4.40 Press Gang. Train-spotting fanatic Benjamin Dreoil is the ideal candidate for Colin's personality development course, but Colin's own problems cannot be solved quite

problems cannot be solved quite so easily. (Oracle)
5.10 Biocidusters. Bob Holness tests the general knowledge of more teenage contestants
5.40 News with Flora Armstrong. Weather

6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.23 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thantes Help. Jackle Sprackley
with details of the Retired and Senior

Volunteer Programme

Emmerdale. Seth and friends take drastic action in the battle to use the tap room at the Woolpack, while Alan Turner's dinner engagement leads to a confrontation with Km

Tate. (Oracle)
7.30 Science Fiction: Con-Fusion. A look at the controversy surrounding the amountement by Professors Pons and Fleischman that they had achieved nuclear cold-fusion in a test-tube

active traces to contribute a test-tube

8.00 The Bilt Something Special. The Fraud Squad's Det Supt Martins arrives at Sun Hill looking for an officer to work on a special assignment and Burnside is particularly keen that he should be chosen (Oracle)

8.30 This Week: Victims of Feer.

Women from Britain's Asian communities break their silence about the brutal reality of the culture clash they face by living here. The programme also looks at the marriages which end in suicide or murder and explores the reasons why Asian women have for years why Asian women have for years tolerated physical abuse at home 9.00 Taggart: Hostile Witness, Mark McManus returns as Glasgow

detective Jim Taggart in the first episode of a three-part drama. Taggart and Sgt Jardine are working on two separate murder woring on two separate murcer cases, which become complicated when John Greeney makes a false confession. But is Taggart right to dismiss Greeney's story so quickly? (Oracle) News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Flona Armstrong. Weather 10.30 Thumas News and weather 10.00

10.35 The City Programme investigates
British banks a billion pound write-off
11.05 Snooker. Action from the Pearl
Assurance British Open. Followed

by Crimestoppers 12.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's

prison
1.30 Superstars of Wrestling
2.30 News headlines followed by Film:
King Richard and the Crusaders
(1954) starring Rex Harrison,
Virginia Mayo and George Sanders.
As Richard the Lionheart fights
for the cause of Christianity, he little
realises that his file is in danger —
from one of his own men. Directed by
David Butter prison David Butler

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

6.45 Open University: Social Science -Levels of Meaning. Ends at 7.10 8.00 News 8.15 Westminster 9.00 Ceefax

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9.20 Daytime on Two includes 16.00
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10.20 Religious beliefs 11.00
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decline of Cleveland, Ohio 12.25
Starting your own business 12.50
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5.10 Nortzon: From Earth to Miranda (r). (Caelax) 8.00 Film: The Man in the White Suit (1951, b/w) starring Alec Guinness. Comedy about a textile mill laboratory dishwasher who brings upheaval to the industry when he creates a fabric that never wears or or gets dirty. Directed by Alexander Mackendrick 7.20 Anisation Now: Mindacape (b/w) (r)

7.30 9 is 5: Work Work Work. The first

7.30 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ it 5: Work Work Work. The first of a new series exploring the world of work.

8.00 Yes Mantset: Open Government (r). (Ceefax)

8.30 Convoy to Romania. A courrentary about the discovery of some 200 mentally and physically handicapped children who were housed in appalling conditions by the Ceausescu regime in a Transylvanian castle

9.00 The Comic Strip

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Seat (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.10 Small Objects of Desire: The
Condom. The history of and attitudes
surrounding the condom

10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show 11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Weekend
Outlook 12.05 im Special Education
12.30 International Bowle, Highlights
from the Embassy World Indoor
championships, Ends at 1.35

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8.30-9.00 Focal Point: Slow Death - Dead Slow
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8.40-8.00 Inside User 4.30 Neighbours 6.35pm-7.00 Inside User Update 8.30-9.00 Spotlight
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produce him. Directed by Norman produce the base produces and a consider los rink.

4.00 Not on Sunday presented by Brian Redhead

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers competition. The questionmester is Richard.

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6.00 Tressure Hunt around the
Lancashire countryside (r). (Oracle)
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7.00 Channel 4 News with jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi

7.00 Comment followed by Weather.

8.00 Bress. Tonight Lady Patience is on trial for her life in the continuing saga of the Hardcores and the Fairchids (r)

8.30 The Crystal Maze. Futuristic andurance and adventure show.

9.30 Faze. High Hopes (1989) starring Philip Davis, Ruth Sheen, Heather Tobies and David Bearber. Mrs. Bender is the last council henant in her now gentrified north London street. She gets looked out and is forced to ask for help from her yupple neighbours. A comedy of errors and tambly intrigue follows. Written and directed by Mike Leight

11.35 Sumo. Japanese wrestling series

12.03 and Film: Little Wars (1982) starring Soraye Knoury and Roger Hawa as two young Lebanese who live on the edge of the civil war in Behrut. Hawa remains in Behrut, as he has to avenge the kidnepping and murder of his father, Knoury refuses to leave, as she is in love with the son of a feudal landowner. Directed by Maroun Baghdadi. In Arabic with English subtitles. Ends at 2.10 Ends at 2.10

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10.00 The New Price Is Right 10.30 The
Young Doctors 11.00 Sky By Day 12.00
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2.00 Loving 2.30 A Problem Shared
3.00 Cricket: West Indies v England — lifth
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Beyond 2000 8.00 Moonlighting 9.00
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SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

5.00 am International Business Report

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SKY MOVIES

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C. Scott
4.00 Top Cat and the Beverly Hills Cata:
Animated adventure
6.00 Money Manie: A dying man's
words spark off a nationwide search for
three caches of money
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Head Office: Judge Reinhold as an
innocent let loose in the cut-throat world of

big business 9.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on Sky 10.00 Rambo 3 (1988): Sylvester Stallone invades Afghanistan in an attempt to rescue his best friend (Richard Crenna) from the Russians 12.00 Coffy (1973): Pam Grier as a 12.00 Corny (19/3): Pan Greer as a nurse, out to avenge the death of her daughter at the hands of drug barons
1.30 am The Devils (1970): Oliver Reed and Vanessa Redgrave in Ken Russell's tale of witchcraft in France, 1634
4.00 Mona Lisa (1986): Bob Hoskins as an ex-convict, chauffeuring a high-class constitute (Certic Treen) around trum.

EUROSPORT

prostitute (Cethy Tyson) around town. Ends at 5.40am

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00 Swimming 10.00 World Champlonship Boxing 12.00 Footbell 1.00pm Goals 2.30 Mediterranean Open Golf 5.00 Trans World Sport 6.00 Mobil 1 Motorsports News 6.30 Trax 7.00 Swimming 8.00 European Cup Basketball 10.00 Ford Snow Report 10.02 Mediterranean Open Golf 12.00 Adventure Hour

6.00am Kristiane Backer 11.00 Remote Control 11.30 Club MTV 12.00 Remote Control 11.30 Ckt/ MTV 12.00
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SCREENSPORT

7.00em Powersports 8.00 ice Hockey 10.00 Golf 12.00 Wide World of Sport 1.00pm Boxing 2.30 Rugby League 4.00 Spenish Soccer 6.00 Motor Racing 7.30 Argentinian Footbat 8.30 Salling 8.30 Postager 10.45 Thei Roving 12.15am Ultimate Yacht Race

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Jake's Fitness Minutes 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Sim Cooking Search for Tomorrow 10.39 Sam Cooking 10.55 Spain Spain 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Sytle File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 2.10 Afternoon Chema 4.45 Great

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30cm until 4.30cm, then at 7.30, 8.30 and 10.00cm Smon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates
12.30pm Newsbest 12.45
Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in
the Afarmoon 5.30 News '90
6.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Top of the Pops (with BBC1) 7.30 Philip Schoffeld 8.30 John Peel 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00mm Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW 7.30, 8.30 4.00mm Alex Lester 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Ja 4.00mm Alex Lester 5.30
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9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
Young 1.05pm Don Black 2.00
Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Adrian
Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.60 The
Best in Country Music 9.05
Paul Jones 10.00 Pull The Other
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WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

6.35am News and Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Albinoni
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under Pailiard, with Laure
Morabito, organ): Chopin
(Fantaisle-Impromptu in C
sharp minor: Vladimir
Ashkenazy, plano): Britten
(Rossini Suite: Scottish CO
under Shu art Redfort under Steuart Bedford piano; Boys of Pais lobey Choir)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Debussy (Prélude à l'aprèsmidi d'un faune: Orchestre de Paris under Daniel
Barenboim); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 14 in E flat, K 449: Philinarmonia under Vladimir Ashkenazy); Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Orchestra National de France under Georges Prêtre); Coates (March, The Dembusters: RLPO under Charles Groves)

8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Gade end Svendsen. Svendsen (Norwegian Rhapsody No 2, Op 19: Bergen SO under Andersen): Gade (Symphony No 7 in F: Stockholm Sinfonietta under

(Symphony No / m r: Stockholm Sinfonietta under Järvi); Svendsen (Norweglan Rinapsody No 4: Bergen SO under Andersen)

9.35 César Franck: Medici Quartet, with Imogen Cooper, piano, perform Piano Quintat in F minor)

10.10 The Buffoon: SNO under Järvi performs Prokoflev (Ballet Suite)

10.50 Flute and Harp: David Heath, flute, Gillian Tingay, harp, perform Joset Molnar (Haru no Umi "The Sea in Spring": Phantasy); William Alwyn (Naiadesk; bert (Emtracte); arr James Galvay (Spanish Love Song); Gossec (Tambourin)

11_25 Concert from Wolverhampton: BBC
Philhamonic under Yan
Pascal Torteller, violin,
performs Bach (Violet
Concerto in A minor);
Dutillers (Méthodas) Dutilieux (Métaboles); Serlioz (Symphonie

1.00pm News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert: Live from Studio
One, Pebble Mill. Academy
of Ancient Music Trio rforms Couperin (Quatorzième Concert from Les Gouts-reunis); Balsmortier (Cello Sonata No 1 in E minort; Rameau (Five Pieces from Nouvelles suites de pièces de clavecin); Boismortier (Trio Sonata in A minor, Op 37)

2.00 Alan Hoddinott (Scena for string orchestra, Op 119; Clarinet Concerto No 2, Op 128: BBC Welsh SO under Bryden Thomson, with David Campbell, clarinet) 2.40 Two Volins: Gidon Kremer and Isabelle Van Keulen perform Prokofiev (Sonata n C, Op 56) 1**0.30pm** Test Match 3.00-10.30

Special (MW only): West Indies v England, first Cable and Wireless Test. Commentary on the fifth and final day

3.00 Die Entführing from
Drottningholm (FM only);
Scandinavian Season. Chorus and Orchestra of the Drottingholm Court Theatra under the theatre's music director Arnold Ostman perform Mozart's

three act Singspiel, in a recording from the Drottningholm Court Theatre Theatre
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only): Lyndon Jones presents a special edition of the programme for St David's Day from Cardiff
7.00 News (FM only): Ian Cart in conversation with

Carr in conversation with the American planist and composer Keith Jarrett 7.30 BBC Weish SO (FM only) under Rudolf Barshai, with Javand Sheller sidner

under Rudolf Barshai, with Howard Shelley, piano.
performs Glinka (Overture, Rusian and Ludmilla);
Tchalkovsky (Plano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor); Prokofley (Scenes from Romeo and Juliet)

9.00 Home is Where . . . (FM only): A selection of poems from Wales, arranged by Diana Griffiths and read by Andy Rivers, loan Merodith and Rachel Thomas

9.20 Szymanowski Plano Music (FM only): The pianist (FM only): The plantst Martin Jones performs Variations in B flat minor

Variations in B flat minor,
Op 3; Sonata No 2, Op 21)
10.00 Music in Our Time (FM only
until 10.30): Scandmavian
Season. A programme of
Finnish music. Leif
Segerstam (Symphony No
11: Finnish RSO under the
composer; Usko Meniläinen
(Four Bagatelles: Selin
Ouartet); Pehr Henrik
Hordgren (Violin Concerto
No 3: Ostrobothnian
Chamber Orchestra under
Juha Kanoas, with Kaia Juha Kangas, with Kaija Saarikettu, violin)
11.00 Composers of the Week Scandinavian Season, Grieg (Old Norwegian Melody with Variations, Op 51; Violin

Sonata No 2 in G, Op 13; Four Lyric Pieces, Op 71) (r)

Four Lyric Pieces, Op 7' 12.00 News 12.05em Close

RADIO 4

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9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John 9.05 Face the Facts with John
Waite (r)
9.30 Into the Dangerous World:
An agoraphobic for 40 years
attempts the seemingly
impossible . . . (r)
10.00 News; The Natural History
Programme: Fergus Keeling
and Jessica Holm report on
research in Morocco and
Siberta which could save
the slender-billed curtew
from extinction
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)

10.48 An Act of Worship (s) 11.00 News; Citizens 11.23 In Exile: Jonathan Steinberg

in Exist: Jonathan Standors talks to four expatriates who have settled in Britain. Part 3: Russian City banker Stanislas Yassukovich who is now a Gloucestershire country squire
11.50 First Person: Series of taiks
by first-time broadcasters.
Part 9: William Rivière learns to row Vene boats on the lacoon

boats on the lagoon
12.00 News; You and You's with
John Howard
12.25pm Smiley's People: Sevenpart dramatization of John
Le Carré's novel. With
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2.00 News: Woman's Hour:
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Alexander Visions Dorls Day (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.29 Soundtrack: Off to See
Uncle, How and why the National Pawnbrokers'
Association has doubled its
membership in the last 10
years (s) (see Choice)
8.00 Analysis: Life in the Slow

Lane. Stephen Games examines Labour's plans for a new elected authority for a new elected authority for London

5.45 Does He Take Sugar?
Decression. Mariene Pease presents the magazine for people with disabilities. This week, the programme charts the story of Alian who became depressed when ill, but who recovered with the help of psychotherapy and his wife Hos

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Kate Figes reviews A.S. Byatt's book Possession; Philip Brady on Peer Gynt at the Ofivier Treatre, London; a review of Landscapes in a High Altitude, an exhibition of Icelandic art at the Barbican, London; and a report on Radio 3's

report on Radio 3's Scandinavian Season (s) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.50 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Sick Heart River, by John Buchan (9/10) (s) 11.00 The Blackburn Files: Part 4: A Case of Placiarism. Files o The Stacobum Flies: Part 4:
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RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

One of the little jokes in this week's edition of Soundtrack (Radio 4, 7.20pm) which updates our image of the pawnbroker's trade, concerns those three famous brass balls. What they are telling us, says our wag, is that it's two to one we'll never again see the item



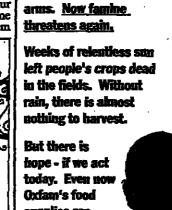
Sign of the pawnbroker: two to one against? (R4, 7.20pm)

we've pledged. But if Sound track is to be believed - and it ought to be, since the voices we hear belong to both the advancers of cash and the advanced - the position is not as hopeless as that. It seems that more than 90 per cent of the goods that pass to and fro beneath the three balls are eventually redeemed. It is the changing nature of these goods as much as the changing nature of those who receive and retrieve them (there's no real difference, we are assured, between going to the pawn-broker for a loan and going to the bank for a second mortage) that provides a surprise or two tonight. It used to be old trousers and woollen blankets, diamond rings and the family silver. Now, it's just as likely to be a Mercedes

sports car, or a Porsche.

ETHIOPIA CRISIS

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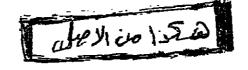
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Storm-lashed pier in the frontline as Hastings battles the waves

Engineers call for a new approach to sea defences

Engineers worked round the clay and stone edifice affords clock yesterday to plug the 200 inadequate protection, esmetre gap in the sea defences pecially now with the weather at Towyn, North Wales, with five-tonne blocks of armour

stone and cement The wall which protects Towyn is one and a half miles long, rises 8 metres above the beach and dates in part from 1850 when it was built by the Chester and Holyhead

The battering, meted out to the Clywd coastal town and elsewhere around the coastline this week, has vividly illustrated vulnerability of Britain's sea defences.

The huge hole punched in the Victorian sea wall at Towyn and subsequent flooding of inland areas has high-lighted, some engineers say, the need for for a new approach to protection from the ravages of the sea.

It has also pointed to the lack of capital expenditure on sea defences, the low priority placed on such measures, and the need to overhaul the administration system.

In Towyn engineers from Colwyn borough council and British Rail, which owns the section of wall that was destroyed, are trying tides permitting, to plug the huge gap with stones, from quarries ain's sea defences, one region near by, set in quick-setting of the National Rivers Au-

will be a temporary measure. "There will obviously be a review of the situation after are projects where life and suffering this sort of damage."

some homes in Bideford, closed.
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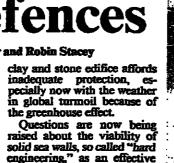
Somerset police warned the

At Ballykelly, near London-derry, farmers had to move

livestock on to high ground after flooding and 1,000 acres

of land were left under water.

public of looters.



protection measure. The latest technology points to the effectiveness and greater long-term benefits of greater long-term benefits of "soft solutions" such as artifical headlands, and offshore breakwaters to dissipate the force of waves and prevent erosion, Mr Ian Townend, principal engineer at Sir Wil-liam Halcrow and partners of Swindon, said.

The severity of the storms has also highlighted the need for a single body to administer coastal defence

Responsibility for sea defences against flooding of low lying land rests with National Rivers Authority under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Coastal protection in the shape of sea walls against erosion, falls under the remit of local authorities, again administered by the ministry.

As MPs continued to voice concern about government priorities in shoring up Britthority is struggling to tackle a However as Mr Neville £300 million backlog of Gough, the borough's director "priority" capital projects. Its of technical services, said, that annual capital budget, however, is £22 million.

A spokesman said: "These property are at risk and we The winds and seas have would wish to get on with the shown all too vividly that the work as soon as possible."

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In Wales, police and volunteer emergency workers pa-

trolled Pensarn, warning

residents over loud speakers that the next 32-foot tide

scheduled for midday could

reach their homes. They ap-

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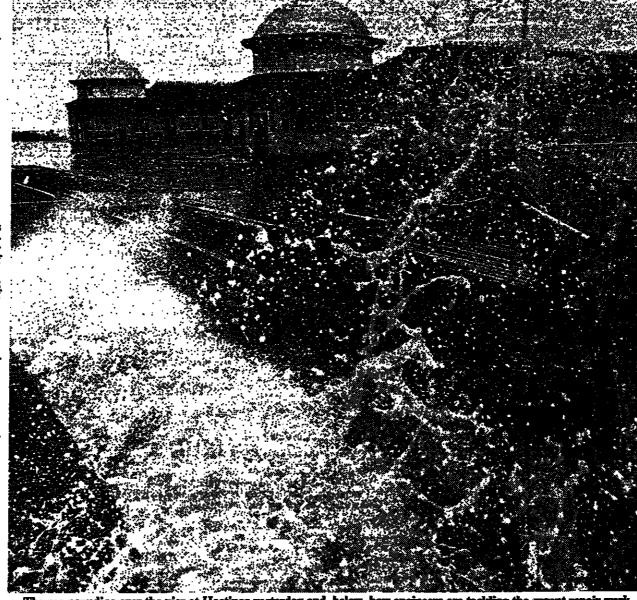
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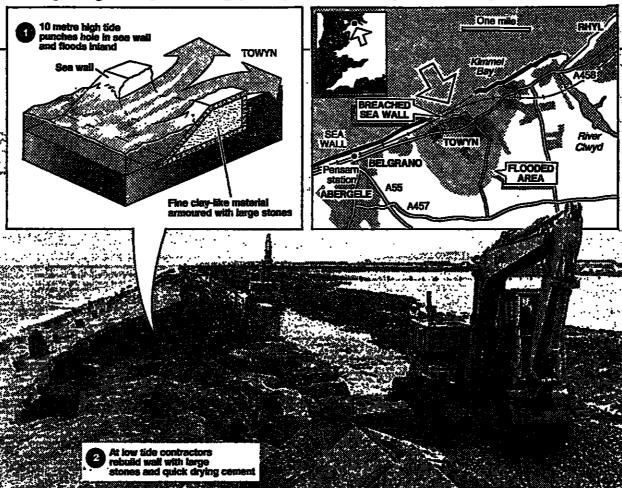
to visit stricken town

In Grampian, snow made North Wales Police said that

driving difficult with the A939 no cases had been reported.



The sea pounding over the pier at Hastings yesterday and, below, how engineers are tackling the argent repair work.



Political sketch

Scots awa' as Lord James holds the line

lay in Scottish Questions down at the Commons yesterday, you weren't in it.

"The hon member

shouldn't address me as if I was James 'Buster' Douglas. I'm merely the member for Edinburgh West, trying to answer a question."

Thus did the mild-man-

nered Scottish junior min-ister, Lord James Douglas-Dick 'Doughty' Douglas (the Labour MP for Dunfermline West). Lord James once was, in fact, a boxer (lightweight)

And boy was Lord James punching! The Etoman Scots-man had been riled beyond endurance over poll tax, and was fighting back hard. He was relying on the example of Marshal Foch, who wired his superiors: "My centre is giving way, my right is in retreat; situation excellent. I attack!" It was not so much that Lord James's troops were disabled: they just weren't there. With Questions well under way, I counted the Tory benches. Discounting the seven ministers and whips on the Front Bench, there were eight Tories in the Chamber — to the Oppo-sition's 51. Of the eight, four were English but had wandered in after hunch to assist embattled Scots colleagues. That leaves four Scots Tories.

Of these four, one (Alick Buchanan-Smith, from Kin-cardine & Deeside) had come to attack the Government. He and Labour's Calum Macdonald (Western Isles) wanted ministers to help fishermen the way they help farmers. Some chance! If Spongy-Brain spread to fish and we faced an epidemic of Mad Cod Disease the Min-istry's instinct would be to slaughter the fishermen, not the fish. Buchanan-Smith supported the industry, not the Ministry. That leaves

Of these three, one (Eastwood's Allan Stewart) had come to tear a strip off the Government for its dogged attachment to Prestwick Airport, at the expense of Edinburgh and Glasgow Airports. Prestwick is in a highlymarginal Tory constituency. That leaves two. Of these two, one - Sir

Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth & Kinross) was, frankly, confused Confused about declar-

If you weren't called 'Doug- ing interests, confused as to which of two Questions he .

was addressing and very confused about his trousers. Question 7 was about tourism; Question 8, about poll-tex. "Sir Nicholas Fairbairn" called Mr Speaker.

"Hoots!" — we sensed Sir Nicholas desperately think-ing — "Where were we? Question 7 or 8? Or is this about John Browne's failure to declare business in-terests?" He glanced at the Order Paper. Poll-tax, tour-ism, and declarations of interest scampered through the Fairbaire brain.

His reply had a certain wild if deviant ingenuity. "May I declare an interest?" he started. "I am wearing a pair of free trousers in the Comrie Strathearn Tartan.

"I'm in no position to comment, smiled a bemused Mr Speaker, "but carry on." "This" (Sir Nicholas must have meant his trousers) "is intended to boost the tourist industry in Scotland. Does the Secretary of State agree that if the roof tax were introduced, the number of warrant-sales under a community charge, or the old rating system, would mul-tiply by thousands and ruin

the tourist industry?" That leaves one. Good old Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries)! What will they do without him? Sir Hector was there to support the Government. On anything, really. Whatever seemed helpful. He chose a Question introduced by the Liberals' Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh & Berwickshire) who seemed to be worried about a barbarous Scottish practice - something which sounded like "duelling on the Al". We cannot actually remember what Sir Hector said but you may be sure that it was loyal, sensible, and in the best possible taste.

As Questions proceeded, most of the remaining Scots Tories arrived, whips looked in and, alarmed at the stillempty benches, scurried out. They soon did their work.

English Tories started to drift to their places, among them Edward Leigh (Gains borough & Horncastle) whose socks were admired by giggling chums beside him: black socks, with a red and yellow picture of what looked like Rupert Bear on each.

Matthew Parris

Thames boats impounded

By David Sapsted

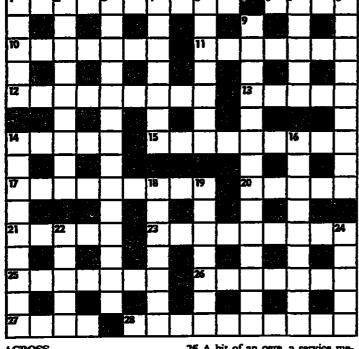
itors for those injured and bereaved obtained warrants for the arrest of the vesseis.

The arrest of the Hurlingham, sister ship of the illfated riverboat on which 51

Two sister ships of vessels people died, and the Bow-involved in the Marchioness trader, a dredger, was made disaster were seized on the under a centuries-old law.

Solicitors obtained the warrants from the deputy Admiralty Marshal in the High Court, claiming that their efforts to obtain compensation had been subject to "delay and prevarication."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,230



ACROSS

 Consumer of dairy products gets extremely earnest after two fail-6 Strap about to administer a hard

10 Field worker making changes -11 Junk food is, with dad, a sore

point (7). 12 Picked up as necessary (6-3). 13 Surveillance, when one's with-drawn, in retrospect is a failure

14 In other words, apply friction

15 County side bowls batsman out — he's without a single run (9). 17 It records the time a match's taken in the mist (4-5). 20 5's drink (5).

21 Left port with a cargo (5). 23 What comes from shaving — a small part in G & S (9).

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27 Prison sentence - release put back (4). 28 Asks too little for foreign articles
- seconds - after deception

(10).

DOWN 1 Spells sorcerers with a c (5).
2 Feel suspicious — let alarms off

3 Dubious dealings yield firm under a thousand in cash (6.8). 4 Beetle found in meandering River Liffey (7).

5 Ruler sets up a representative in the capital (7). 7 Cry about nothing - get hit (5). Nests seen as a possible source of anxiety (9).

9 Cockney's case of fruit (6,3,5). 14 Additional information one's turned up on transport (9). 16 Usually fashionable officer (2-7).
18 Loser's "Well run!" accepted by man (4-3).

19 For every smoke there's a smell 22 Fancy woman, upset, put under doctor (5). 24 Parties with leaders of such integrity deserve electoral suc-

Concise crossword, page 20

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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

b. A medieval German madrigal c. A house of ill repute

BURDEL a. To talk nonsense

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c. A large finch

a. Eclipsing the sun b. Talking to oneself

c. Living from the soil

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Answers on page 20

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Outlook: Some snow in places, then milder on Saturday. **AROUND BRITAIN** ABROAD WORD-WATCHING

WEATHER

showers, which will fall as sleet or snow in most places. North and west Wales, north-west England and northern Scotland will catch most of the showers while some of eastern Britain could stay dry. Snow will again settle in hilly areas. Frost

likely in many places around dawn and in the evening.

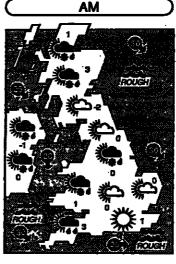
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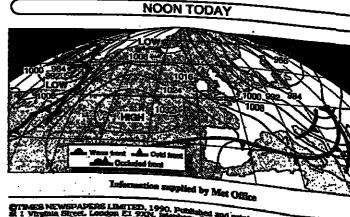
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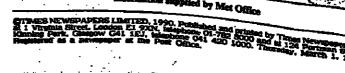
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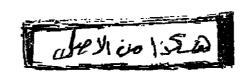
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Market report, page 28

Chairman resigns at Charterhall

Russell Goward, the Australian entrepreneur, has resigned as chairman and joint managing director of Charterhall, the mini-conglomerate, whose Australian parent, Westmex, is in receivership.

A spokesman for Charterhall said the UK company was not in receivership nor are there plans to call in the receivers. Mr Goward is believed to have resigned in order to concentrate on salvaging his interests in Westmex, where he has a substantial shareholding. Mr Kevin Freedman, Charterhall's other managing director, left the company last year.

Charterhall's shares are suspended at 91/2p. They are unlikely to be traded again until the Westmex receivers have made a decision on the company's 60 per cent stake in

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TOURIST RATES

Quarter of Abbey shareholders sell out

By Neil Bennett

More than a quarter of the people who took part in the Abbey National flotation last July have sold their shares, the company said

Sir Campbell Adamson, Abbey's chairman, said 1.4 million of the former building society's customers have cashed in their shares, out of 5.5 million who bought them.

They have been spurred on by the strong share price, which reached 189p yesterday, compared with the 130p offer price as institutional investors have acquired large holdings, and now

Since then many people have sold their shares and withdrawn their savings in protest at Abbey's bungled float which left 300,000 without share certificates and refund cheques. Abbey is still receiving letters from people who have not received their shares, and 400,000 have not taken up their

Sir Campbell was presenting the bank's figures for 1989, in which profits rose by 21 per cent to £501 million. There is a maiden dividend of 5.7p a share. "Abbey

own almost one third of the company. The flotation created Britain's biggest share register.

National has gone from strength to strength in 1989 despite the difficult market conditions," he said. The figures beat all forecasts and were welcomed in the City where the shares rose 4p to 189p.

Abbey shrugged off the poor housing market during the year to increase its net lending by 24 per

cent to £4.2 billion. But 75 per cent of the gain came from remortgaging, while new mortgage demand remained static, its share of the mortgage market rose from 8.4 to stone, Abbey National's estate quisition of Ficofrance, a French agency chain, lost £16 million due mortgage company. to the collapse in house sales. The group's profits were also hit by an £8 million loss on gilts trading and the end of a £17 million a year pensions holiday.

Profits were increased by £51 million in interest from the £975 million the company raised at its float. Sir Cambell denied that Abbey is eager to spend the money. There will be no folie de grandeur. Our money is not burning a hole in our pocket," he said. He promised to continue Abbey's European expansion which was helped last month by the £42 million acmortgage company.

Its share of the savings market fell from 9.8 per cent to 4.0 per cent in the year as banks started to offer higher interest rates, forcing it to raise its mortgage rate two weeks

The high mortgage rates have started to increase arrears at Abbey. In the second half of 1989 there was a 14 per cent rise in arrears of more than six months. Despite this, Abbey increased its bad debt provision by only £1 million to £14 million.

Sir Campbell justified the bank's decision to raise the mortgage rate.

savers could no longer be ignored," he said. "We are essentially a retail organization and ignore that at our cost." Abbey's higher savings and mortgage rates are effective today.

The company also revealed a reorganization in its treasury department to take advatage of its new banking status. It has sold almost all its £1.6 billion in gilts, which exposed it to interest losses. Instead it has bought higheryielding US government-backed mortgage securities and and sterling floating-rate notes. The losses in gilt sales will take about £11 million a year off profits until 1994

Nuclear costs 'doubled in three days'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The merchant bank advising the Government on its £15 billion electricity privatization programme revealed yesterday how the amount of money needed to meet the cost of decommissioning nuclear power had more than doubled

over three days last year. The Commons energy select committee was told by Mr David Clementi, head of corporate finance at Kleinwort Benson, that when the bank started work on the privatization in 1987, it had been told by the Central Electricity Generating Board that the amount of money needed to meet the eventual cost of decommissioning nuclear power stations and supplying them with fuel

was £3.2 billion. He said, however, that on May 7 last year, the CEGB wrote to the bank saying this amount had risen to £4.5 billion. Three days later, another letter was received which said the figure was now £10 billion.

The revelation infuriated many members of the com- adequately contained. mittee which has already pub-

zation proposals, and had fication of the costs due to the recommended that nuclear power stations should not be privatized.

admitted he had not read the committee's report, said the bank had given competent and professional advice to the Government on the issue, and the withdrawal decision had been a matter of government policy. "Our advice was consistent. What was changing were the numbers we were being given."

Mr Clementi said his bank had maintained that the whole industry, including nuclear power stations, could be privatized provided certain conrisks associated with nuclear

Lazard Brothers, the CEGB financial adviser, which is continuing as adviser to the National Power, the new comional Power, including the nuclear stations was possible, as long as potential investors received assurnace that cer- mined with a high degree of tain financial risks could be certainty."

mittee which has already pub- In evidence, Kleinwort Ben- at an early stage in the lished a highly-critical report son said: "It was not possible discussions with National of the Government's privati- 10 provide a precise quanti- Power's nuclear group."

high level of uncertainty surrounding all long-term estimates of the costs and risks in the nuclear industry. In particular, we advised National Power that the financial market was strongly averse to uncertainty in this context.

"Whilst there are privatelyowned nuclear power stations in a number of countries in the world, it was clear from the outset of our appointment to the CEGB that the inclusion of nuclear power would be one of the most difficult issues to be faced in a successful privatization of the electricity supply industry. "We accordingly advised

ditions were met to cover the National Power that it would only have been possible to privatize National Power provided the particular risks associated with nuclear power mainly the limited nature of many reliabilities - were pany, told the committee it explicitly dealt with - and believed the flotation of Nat- either were borne by a third party, for example the Goverament or the consumer, or were capable of being deter-

"We stated this as our view



A happy Christopher Norland flanked by models wearing the very latest Usher collections

Profits growth in fashion at Usher

Profit growth is back in fashion at Frank Usher (Melinda Wittstock writes). The women's evening wear manufacturer yesterday proved that a depressed clothing retail market need not mean stagnation or loss. The USMquoted fashion house reported an 11.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £708,000 on turnover up 15 per cent to £7.69 million for the six months to end-December. Interim earnings per

interim is kept at 2p. There was a £67,000 exceptional item, resulting from a £168,000 currency loss from conversion into sterling of a mark loan for the new headquarters in Hendon, North London, somewhat offset by a £101,000 exceptional gain on the sale of a factory. Mr Christopher Norland, chairman, is confident about the second half.

joins fight over value of brands By Colin Campbell Cadbury Schweppes has joined the ranks of other leading

Cadbury

British companies in challenging draft accounting procedures for brand values.

The confectionery and beverages group which made 12 separate acquisitions in 1989 for a gross outlay of £718 million and thereby increased its international family of brand names, has added £307 million to its 1989 balance sheet to reflect - at cost - the value of brands acquired by the group since 1985. Cadbury said it would not

amortize the brand values. This conflicts with recent proposals in an exposure draft

by the Accounting Standards Committee. Cadbury believes the move is "sensible" and says it has the support of its auditors. Sir

Graham Day, chairman, denied the group was seeking a bead-on clash with the ASC. Cadbury's decision to capitalize the value of acquired brands on its balance sheet effectively adds to sharehold-

ers' funds, so giving the group added financial flexibility. But for the change, Cadbury would have shown that net

borrowings of £424 million exceeded shareholders' funds. Other companies to have adopted brand values on the balance sheet include Guinness, United Biscuits, Reckitt & Colman, Grand Metropoli-

and publishing groups. Mr Keith Hamill, director of financial control at Guinness, yesterday welcomed Cadbury's move.

And today, the 100 Group, representing financial directors and companies of similar thinking, will formally argue its view against the draft proposals to the ASC.

Gilts hit by £1.50 fall after trade figures

By George Sivell, London, and Susan Ellicott, Washington

brunt of City reaction to on the day.
yesterday's announcement of Against t the third worst monthly UK current account deficit.

the close but foreign ex- growth in the US over the final changes and stock markets were calmed by official explanations for the £1.9 billion current account deficit in January, more than double the revised £900 million for December.

Traders marked shares down sharply after the announcement. But as official explanations of large one-off diamond imports and the December Felixstowe dock strike gained ground in the City, stock markets recovered.

By the end of the day the FT-SE 100 index was up 0.6 of a point at 2,255.4 and the pound was up 0.3 on the tradeweighted index at 89.9. Against the mark the pound had slipped to almost DM2.84 September 1986. just after the trade figures were announced before ending at was the slowest since 2.7 per in two stages.

The gilt-edged market bore the DM2.8645 - up 1.59 pfennigs cent in 1986. Mr Alan

Against the dollar, sterling slipped 0.8 of a cent to \$1.6905 but the dollar was helped by the announcement of faster-Government stocks were the announcement of faster-down by up to £1.50 each at than-expected economic quarter of 1989. This sent Wall Street up 25 points in early dealings which helped the London recovery.

The US economy grew 0.9

Stock markets. months of last year, but economic performance is at its weakest in three years.

Bond prices eased after the unexpected improvement in the GNP data. But economists said the fourth-quarter growth rate was still dismally low. The final quarter of 1989 showed the weakest economic

growth since an 0.8 per cent expansion rate from July to The annual expansion rate

Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, told the House Budget Committee he saw slow but positive growth for the first quar-ter of this year. His testimony indicated the Fed is unlikely to ease interest rates soon.

The US Commerce Department reported that the US economy grew at an inflationadjusted rate of 3.0 per cent last year, compared with 4.4 per cent in 1988 and 3.7 per cent in 1987. The government revised its figure for fourthquarter GNP upward from a previously reported 0.5 per cent because of an increase in exports. Economists had predicted a downward revision to about 0.4 per cent.

Another influence on world foreign exchanges was the Japanese government state-ment that interest rate decisions would be left to the Bank of Japan. Analysts ex-pect a rise from 4.25 per cent to above 5 per cent, probably

Shearson cuts 2,000 more jobs

From James Bone New York

Shearson Lehman Humon Inc, the US investment firm attempting to stave off a credit downgrading, yesterday announced a new round of redundancies to reduce its staff by a further 2,000. The cuts add to 800 redundancies announced late last year.

At that time, Shearson, the second largest American securities firm after Merrill Lynch, had 38,500 employees worldwide. Details about possible job losses in Britain were not immediately available.

The redundancies were part of a cost-cutting drive to save \$400 million a year. The company was conducting a possible rationalization plan that may result in cutting back or selling businesses, or entering into partnerships.

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OFT advice over-ruled on Ransomes and Westwood deal

Ridley rides into lawnmower merger

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

For the first time, the Trade Secretary of the day has rejected the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, purely on competition grounds. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, is worried about a merger agreed last August which has apparently created a high market share in ride-on domestic lawnmowers.

Sir Gordon recommended there was no need for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) to look into the agreed merger between Ransomes of Ipswich, Europe's largest maker of grasscutting machinery, and Westwood En-

gineering, owner of Laser Lawnmowers. The acquisition of Westwood, of Plymouth, for £9 million brought more capacity in sit-on mowers and garden tractors to Ransomes. One reason Mr Ridley was worried about market share was that the Office of Fair Trading had

ablishing the sizes of such shares. He had a further concern over the possible effects of the merger on the distribution of other types of domestic lawamower.

It is a matter for speculation whether this possible storm in a grassbox has partly arisen because Mr Ridley has some inkling of the ways of the ride-on hwamower industry. He is keen on country life and lists in Who's Who gardening among his leisure interests, as well as fishing, architecture and painting.

His move brings in a modest piece of Whitehall history. There have been two previous occasions during Sir Gordon's years at the OFT since 1979 when his recommendations were not followed by the reigning Trade Secretary, but neither revolved around a purely compension

Lord Cockfield, as Trade Secretary, was involved on both occasions. At the Bernet was abandoned.

end of 1982, there was an MMC investigation of a proposed purchase in the wool textiles industry of Illingworth Morris by a single director of another company, Abele. Lord Cockfield had taken into account as relevant factors not only the unusual individual bidder situation but that Illingworth Morris was a leading employer and important manufacturer in the industry, both factors he considered raised issues of public interest. This proposal was sub-

In 1983, there was a proposed acquisition of Sotheby Parke Bernet, parent of Sotheby's, the fine art house. Lord Cockfield believed it was a matter of public interest because London was a key centre of the art market with Sotheby's playing an important role.

sequently cleared by the MMC.

In the course of the investigation by the MMC, the bid for Sotheby Parke

Cadbury drinks to end of sweet life TKM drives ahead with record £52m

"Sweets to the sweet: fare-well" - Cadbury Schweppes has turned from a chocolate-complementary acquisitions, based group into a beveragesbased one. For the first time, soft drink sales and trading profits have overtaken the confectionery side with a respective 57 per cent and 53 per cent contribution to results. Cadbury, led by chairman Sir Graham Day and chief ex-ecutive Dominic Cadbury, has also taken a stand against Ac-

counting Standards Committee proposals on capitalizing the value of acquired brands and has added £307 million on to the 1989 balance sheet. The effect is to help swell-shareholders' funds which allow the group to advertise a. gearing ratio of 62.4 per cent instead of 110 per cent.

And Cadbury has topped expectations with £251 million pre-tax profits (£215.7 million). The published net carnings growth was 6.1 per cent, reflecting accounting advantages in 1988, though uncent. The final rises from 6.8p to 7.9p a share, making 10.7p (9.2p) for the year.

Last year was a mixture of good and not so good. There was a break on British confectionery profits because of the hot weather and capacity problems. The group was taken off the Arab boycott list and re-entered the Middle East market after 14 years.

complementary acquisitions, launched new products in Australia and tied up a Canada Dry distribution agreement for Japan.

The strong cyclical balance and prospect of solid organic growth should carry profits this year to £290 million.

The General Cinema stake at 16.8 per cent has lost much of its market fizz and the bid premium has come out of the shares. Last July, they peaked at 462p. Yesterday, they were unchanged at 317p, and they have under-performed the market by 15 per cent over 12 months. However, on 11.9 times prospective earnings, backed by a current 4.5 per cent yield, they are beginning to look undervalued.

Ansbacher

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant banking group, handsomely made up for any disappointment at its halftime figures, storming home with a strong second-half performance which boosted full-year profits to £10.1 million after £7.2 million last time. The figures were well ahead of market expectations and lifted the shares 2p to

The interim profits, more than a quarter down at £2.2 million, were deflated by



Taste of success: Sir Graham Day, left, and Dominic Cadbury announce results yesterday

Ansbacher's ulta-conservative cash accounting system on work in progress and accruals, which counts profits only when they are in the

But the group was firing on all cylinders throughout the year. It looks set for further progress to perhaps £14 million in the current year now that its restructuring is complete with the disposal of the' insurance broking interests and its collection of niche activities is operating at high levels of activity.

Ansbacher's shares are

tightly held - Groupe Bruxelles Lambert and Pargesa hold 62 per cent - and are trading at a p/e of 15,

assuming Ansbacher matches 1990 expectations. But, sooner or later, it will be logical for Ansbacher to free, up the market by making a significant acquisition for

CU and GA

Commercial Union: Composturns out are not all recling towards bankruptcy as a result cent) to the group pre-tax total of the weather. CU clearly does not see a crisis in worsening underwriting results.

The 13 per cent rise in dividend to 21.5p, contrasted with a 25 per cent drop in earnings to an almost identical 21.7p per share, is a notable

fidence in front of a year when premium rates are still under pressure and the pace of "catastrophes" shows no sign of abating.

The payout rests more firmly on the underrated life assurance element in CU's Commercial Union: Composite mix, which conite insurance companies, it tributed profits of £102 million (up an underlying 12 per of £151 million. Despite the full payout,

unrealized investment gains helped raise investors' funds

to £1.7 billion, boosting asset value 33 per cent to 400p. CU has also given for the first time a valuation of its life businesses, including embed-

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future business, of more than £1.5 billion, less than a third of which is included in the balance sheet. In a bid situa-tion, CU would therefore be able to claim an asset value of about 640p per share against yesterday's 473p share price. General Accident: Despite problems with hurricane Hugo and an alarming fourth quarter in Britain, GA still has a superior underwriting formance to that of CU ~ and not just in the US.

The underwriting loss of 6.6 per cent of premiums last year compared with nearly 10 per cent at CU. But the halving of pre-tax profit to £147 million looks worse because life assurance is relatively small and the group has created problems through strategic expansion moves. Its estate agent busi-ness lost £20.5 million and the NZI banking operations in Australasia, though now im-proving, lost £48 million for the full year.

The shares, down 47p to 1058p, sell at 16.2 times earnings and yield 6.4 per cent on the 50p dividend, which has been raised by 13.6 per cent and is still 1.3 times covered.

The underwriting prospect is still poor, but GA should be helped by eliminating the Hugo effect, which cost £74 million, and drastically cutting NZI losses.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

tion group controlled by Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, reports a record pre-tax profit of £52.6 million (£44.1 million) for the year ended December. Group turnover crossed the £1 billion level for the first time and reached £1.07 billion. This compares with £984.6 million of sales generated

The final dividend is raised from 3p to 3.5p a share, making 5p (4p). TKM says the current year has started encouragingly. The net interest charge was £8.49 million compared with £7.14 million, and fully diluted net earnings turned out at 14.5p (11.7p) a share. TKM has achieved a compound growth in earnings of 55.2 per cent per year since 1985. The shares rose 1p to 122p.

cider sales

Cider sales last year were 9.3 per cent higher than in 1988, creating record production of 67.66 million gallons, a 1 per cent rise on the previous best year of 1983. The figures will appear in the annual cider survey by Showerings, due out this mouth. Mr Lyn Hughes, Showerings' head of brands marketing, said the results show how reliant the industry still is on warm

Rosy year for Hoskyns buys from Conder

Hoskyns Group, the computer services company, has acquired Conder Techn from Conder Group, the construction and property an initial payment of £100,000, with an additional payment of up to £400,000 depending on 1990 business levels. Conder Technology. which supplies geographic information systems, had a turnover of £870,000 in 1989.

Hi-Tec predicts £6.4m

Mr Frank van Wezel, chairman of Hi-Tec Sports, Britain's leading sports shoe supplier, said that full-year results are likely to be above expectations. Mr van Wezel predicted pretax profits of about £6.4 million, £200,000 ahead of half-way expectations. This was partly due to a contribution from Cofex, the new Dutch leisure clothing subsidiary. The company said last October that the the British trading

environment was an important factor influencing performance. Mr van Wezel said the performance had been creditable in the circumstances. Mr Derek Watson, formerly a partner at KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, has been inted finance director and Lazard Brothers financial adviser. The shares eased by 2p to 78p, after 83p.

Peak £23.9m Law stationer by Hoechst

Hoechst UK has announced been its best month ever in panies in several areas.

ends on form

Stat-Plus, the USM-quoted a record year with pre-tax law and office stationers profits up 26 per cent to retailer, increased pre-tax £23.9 million on sales up 8 profits by 5.5 per cent to per cent to £314 million by £5.32 million on turnover companies in the UK down from £12.6 million to Hoechst said January had £11.9 million for the year to end-December. Earnings per Britain. Mr Armo Baltzer, share climbed from 15.1p to chief executive, said the 16.2p, while the final divi-group is still searching for a dend increased from 2.25p to major buy but will more 3.75p, making 5.5p. The likely shortly announce joint company said that sales in deals with existing com- law forms and specialist stationery had improved.

Eagle sells properties

Eagle Trust, the heavily indebted engineering and film camera group, has sold virtually all its non-operational property in the Midlands to Gidney Securities, a private company in Birmingham, for £3.28 million net. The proceeds were above book value of \$2.67 million.

The sale covered the majority of the properties of Haybridge Developments and Eagle Estates (UK) as well as Midlands properties of Smithko, Midland City Partnership and Eagle Trust itself, plus the business and assets of Residential Investment Properties, which runs a nursing home. Eagle Trust is due to publish its long-delayed 1988

CBI drive to give business the edge

By David Young, Energy Corresponden

The Confederation of British Industry has launched a £1 million programme intended to persuade chief executives of British companies to question their management style in the search for improved performance.

The programme, a series of videos of businessmen who have used their management style to give their companies an edge over their rivals, has been co-sponsored by the Department of Employment Training Agency and IBM.

It will be launched this week. Eleven seminars on the

grammes ever devised by the

Mr John Banham, the CBI director-general, said: "The CBI is committed to success. The Edge provides the opportunity for businesses all ver the country to do that by learning at first-hand the secrets that lie behind five British success stories. These show how, in each case, the chief executive helped create the conditions for succe

"The contribution of senior management to our economy is still not properly appre-ciated, yet Britain's interprogramme, The Edge, will be national competitiveness de-held throughout the country. It is one of the most ambitious of 1,000 or so of our leading and costly training procompanies.

> Turnover climbed by 13 per cent to £7.65m. There was an extraordinary loss of £115,000 from the sale of the

custom analogue console business.

Turnover advanced by 28 per

COMPANY BRIEFS

AMS INDUSTRIES (Fin) Pre-tax: £0.51m (£0.26m) EPS: 1.07p (0.61p) Div: 1p mkg 1.5p (1.5p) ELECO HOLDINGS (Int) Pre-tax: £2.67m (£2.83m) EPS: 5.9p (6.9p) Div: 2.3p (2.2p) Div: none

> CRESTON (int) Pre-tex: 20.25m (20.26m) EPS: 0.86p adj (1.17p) Div: 0.7p (0.7p)

BWD SECURITIES (Fin) EPS: 0.64p (4.45p LPS) Div: none NOREX (Int) EPS: 0.7p (0.01p) Div: none

cent to £34.9m. The company said the second half has started well, GRAFTON GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: 123.8m (122.2m) EPS: 19.2p (13.3p) Dir: 3p mkg 5p (4p) PORVAIR (Fin) Pre-tax: £0.76m (£1.35m) EPS: 6.3p (13.3p) Div: 1.8p mkg 2.7p Microfilm Repro (Int) Pro-tax: £3.26m (£2.45m) EPS: 5.8p (4.7p) Div: 1.5p (1.13p) RODIME (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss \$41 Am LPS: 57.8c (61.2c) SHELDON JONES (Int) Pre-tex: 20.14m (20.11m) EPS: 1.8p (1.5p) Div: 1.35p (1.35p) Pre-tex: £1.71m (£0.82m) EPS: 6.7p (6.2p) Div: 2.75 mkg 3.75p GOODWIN (Int) Pre-tax: 20.07m

except for residential property. Plans for two further stores, one in south Dublin and one in Cork, are at an advanced stage. Turnover increased to I£69.1m (I£53.2m). Last year's total dividend was 1.8p. Chairman said the problems of 1989 are now behind the group. Exports account for 85 per cent of sales. Turnover advanced by 50 per cent to £15m. The company says it has seen further progress in sales and profits in Britain and America. Last year's pre-tax loss was \$25.9m. The fully-diluted loss per share is reduced from 56.2c to 53.2c. Turnover falls to \$96.1m (\$115.6m). The company said that its pet food subsidiaries continued to grow, but the cost of commissioning new plant was higher than anticipated. Last year, company made a single dividend payment of 2.5p. Group turnover rises to £7.65m (£2.57m). Interest gain at £385,000 (£147,000).

Last year's pre-tax loss amounted to 2493,000. Group turnover climbed to 26.13m (24.87m). The antenna production is seeing improvement. There is an extraordinary credit of £100,000 relating to the release of a bad debt provision no longer required. Turnover £17.9m (£29.2m). The company said that orders and inquiries continue to be buoyant at Aluminium & Timber, but there are increasing signs of a squeeze.

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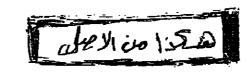
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CU and GA weather flood of storm claims

losses as a result of the storms and floods of the past five further bad weather and this

Mr Tony Brend, chief executive of Commercial Union, estimated that the storms of January 25-27 would cost CU £40 million in Britain and on the Continent. But half of this was to reinstate the company's catastrophe reinsurance.

Total claims to CU have already reached 90,000, nearly the October, 1987, storm.

Mr Nelson Robertson, chief general manager of General Accident, said claims for the January storms were estimated at between £70 million

week's storms and floods, the total net cost might be £30 million. Neither company yet plans higher premiums because of market competition. Both CU and GA reported

sharply lower profits for 1989, mainly due to increased underwriting losses. These were partly due to the series of already reached 90,000, nearly weather-related catastrophes as many as the final total for worldwide, but there was also general increase in UK claims in the fourth quarter.

Mr Brend said that few of the 80 countries in which CU operated had not experienced ions in the past year. Hurri-

Leading composite insurance only result in a loss of £15 cane Hugo cost CU £20 mil-although pre-tax profits simpled by half to £147 stantial but not catastrophic losses as a result of the storms and floods of the past five only result in a loss of £15 cane Hugo cost CU £20 mil-although pre-tax profits slumped by half to £147 million because it had big million. This was much worse operations in the worst-afforther bad weather and this fected Caribbean area. Reins-dropped 47p to 1058p. urance has since been raised.

Overall, CU's pre-tax profits dropped 25 per cent to £150.5 million in 1989 after a rise in underwriting losses from £129 million to £245 million. Of this, £161 million (against £109 million) was in the US and £8.1 million (against a profit of £40.8 million) in the UK.

But CU has raised its dividend 13 per cent to 21.5p, out of earnings of 21.7p per share because of the strength of its life assurance interests which contributed £102 million.

GA also raised dividends by 13.6 per cent to 50p per share

Life profits rose to £27 million with an additional £10 million from a change in re-porting which brings GA into line with other companies.

But GA was hit by a £48 million full-year loss from the NZI banking operations in New Zealand, bought in July 1988, and a £20.5 million loss against £1.2 million profit) from its estate agency business. NZI losses were halved in the second half and GA expects more improvement. Both companies expect

1990 to be another tough year for general insurance.

Manganese hails taxi's success

By Philip Pangalos

Record orders for the new Fairway taxi boosted profits at Manganese Bronze Holdings, the industrial holding company that makes the London

Pre-tax profits advanced 21 per cent to £2.78 million in the six months to end-January, on group turnover ahead 31 per cent to £40.2 million.

Earnings per share rose 19 per cent to 10.75p. The interim dividend is 3.5p (3p).

Mr Jamie Borwick, the managing director, said the investment in the Fairway, which involved improvements in the design of the taxi, had been successful in the vehicles

Orders bave increased, with the production rate now up to 70 vehicles a week. Overseas orders account for 7 per cent of business, with markets including Kenya and Japan.

Mr Borwick said the found ries and powder metals di-visious had healthy order books and had benefited from recent group expansion.

The company has just re-ceived an order to supply 8,000 doors for the London Under-

The shares firmed by 3p to 231p on the news.



Deals on wheels: Jamie Borwick, of Manganese, in the taxi which serves as his mobile office

Crest may be sold for £350m

By Gillian Bowditch

Bass, the brewing and hotel group, has put its Crest hotel chain up for sale in order to concentrate on Holiday Inns. Bass has put no price tag on the 47 hotels but the chain, which is being sold by Schroders, is expected to fetch about £350 million.

One factor which may depress the price Bass achieves is the number of hotels on the market. Queens Moat won its £157 million battle for Norfolk Capital this week and Embassy, Allied-Lyons' hotel chain, is up for sale. Both Trusthouse Forte and Ladbroke are believed to have

hotels on the market. The money raised from the saie of Crest would help to reduce the company's debt in the short term. In August last year Bass spent \$2 billion buying the Holiday Inns chain in the US. At the end of this financial year its gearing ratio

will be about 70 per cent. The Crest hotel chain comprises 43 hotels in Britain and four in Holland. A total of 5,100 bedrooms will be sold.

Bass is converting eight Crest hotels at Gatwick, Maidenhead, Edinburgh, Leeds, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Florence and Bologna into Holiday Inns. In addition two hotels which are managed by Crest and five which are being developed by Crest will become Holiday Inns, with one other Bass property.

Mr Ian Prosser, chairman of Bass, said: "Crest is an excell-ent hotel brand with an outstanding reputation. However our future hotel development strategy will be totally focused on the expansion of the Holiday inn brand."

Baltic surges

Baltic, the asset finance and property group, increased its pre-tax profit by 25 per cent to £14.8 million for the year to end-December. It is offering a final dividend of 2.3p, taking the total for the year 19 per cent higher to 4p. The company's leasing book continued to grow and stood at £187 million at the year-end.

COMMENT

Abbey rings changes with some good news

some good news for a change. After a miserable flotation last July, and the weight of bad press it received when the company was the first to hike its mortgage rate two weeks ago, it seemed

Pre-tax profits of £501 million in 1989, up 21 per cent, were £11 million above the City's highest forecasts. Admittedly, they contained £51 million of interest from the £975 million Abbey raised at the float, but even if this is accounted for, the growth is still more than 12 per cent.

Abbey remains a pre-eminent mortgage provider. Even in the tricky conditions of 1989, it still managed a net rise in lending of £4.2 billion, up 24 per cent from last year. The dearth of new mortgages was made up by a surge in remortgage and home improvement lending, backed by heavy marketing and innovative products. As a result, the market share grew from 8.4 per cent to 11.9 per cent.

On the savings side, however, the picture is less rosy and shows why the

he board of Abbey National must have been overjoyed to announce some good news for a change.

Abbey felt it so vital to raise rates. The company's share of the liquid savings market slumped from 9.8 to 4 per cent. While some of this was due to people using their savings to take part in the flotation, there has been a clear flight to higher rates.

Abbey still relies on retail deposits for up to 80 per cent of its funds. Its treasury operation is still finding its feet and it cannot afford to alienate savers, even if it is prepared to take the risk with borrowers.

The company is starting to flex its new plc muscle. Some ventures, like Cornerstone estate agents, which lost £16 million, have proved difficult Others, like Ficofrance, the new French mortgage subsidiary, have yet to show their worth. At least the company approaches the dangers of expansion from a solid base.

The final dividend of 5.7p is two-thirds of the amount Abbey might have paid had it been public all year. The shares, at 189p, have a notional yield of 6 per cent. With profits likely to be more than £605 million in 1990, the prospective p/e ratio is six. Still good value.

Misplaced emphasis at SE

s wider share ownership an im-portant objective for the Stock Exchange and its members? It is hard to believe so from the report of the Review Committee on Initial Public Offers, chaired by by Mr Graham Ross Russell of CCF Laurence Prust.

The main thrust of the review committee's recommendations is to increase the role of placings and partial placings still further as a means of floating companies. This will reduce underwriting costs with a view to increasing the international compet-itiveness of London's capital markets in the approach to 1992.

Whether the authorities should be competing to attract foreign companies to float in London is questionable. The record of International Signal & Control and Mrs Fields suggests that there are good reasons why certain companies launch their Initial Public Offer away from their home turf.

But the promotion of wider share ownership appears to be somebody else's problem. Mr Ross Russell bemoaned the fact that most of the 11 million individuals who now own shares as a result of privatization issues would not know what a stockbroker was let alone use one. He looked forward to

the day when every bank branch had a clerk to help its customers buy and sell their shares.

There is a minor task for the Stock Exchange in doing away with the tiresome business of paper settlement. But in general it appears that promoting wider share ownership is not something members need to be bothered about.

That is a somewhat naive view. Control over the distribution of finan-cial products is absolutely central to selling them to the public. The banks and building societies have developed their branch network to take deposits and make loans. Provided the commissions are sufficiently lucrative, they may be persuaded to sell unit trusts and life insurance.

A couple of banks and building societies have even set up low cost dealing services for those customers who ask, but the number who do so is tiny. Barclayshare, for example, has only 21,000 on its books. But neither the banks nor the building societies are going to the huge expense of persuading people to buy shares, rather than, say, life assurance. If the Stock Exchange feels that deepening share ownership is not a task for its own members, then it is not going to happen.

Leigh seeks £35m | Lasmo doubles to

By Melinda Wittstock

Protection Bill.

the North Sea.

which handled toxic waste from the freighter Karin B last year, has turned to its shareholders to raise £35.6 million by way of a one-for-

three rights issue at 290p. Shares in Leigh, which has forecast a 38 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to a record £8.3 million for the year to end-March, fell 17p to 345p on news of the cash call, which is underwritten by Kleinwort

The company, British market leader in the treatment of hazardous and toxic waste, plans to put most of the proceeds towards a £30 million plan to upgrade and expand its treatment facilities, with the remainder to be used to repay group borrowings of £11.9 million. The group,

from shareholders | a post-tax £60m By Our City Staff

Leigh Interests, the West Mid- which has forecast a 21.7 per Lasmo, the aggressive British result of Lasmo's £358 million to 16.8p, said demand for its and production group, has services is likely to increase as more than doubled its 1989 a result of the Environmental post-tax profits from £28 milion to £60 million thanks to Under the Bill, producers of higher crude oil prices, a waste will have more responstronger dollar and a signifi-

cant rise in production. sibility for its safe disposal, while under new Government The number of barrels proregulations they will be obliged to reduce the amount duced each day rose by 36 per cent to 71,800, while the average crude oil price inof waste being discharged into creased 26 per cent over the TThecompanyhasforecasta previous year's average to final dividend of 4.88p net, £10.76 per barrel.

representing an increase of 16.2 per cent. The interim dividend was 2.22p. £80.3 million on a turnover up Leigh is issuing 12.65 million new ordinary shares to from £149.7 million to £263.4 paid ordinary shares. million, while earnings per share jumped from 12p to ordinary and preference shareholders at 290p. Preference shareholders will receive one

million barrels, largely as a

vetoed as being "too tacky" after details of some of the

optional extras were received. These included a JR look-a-like, who would pose for

pictures with the guests, and Miss Trixie, billed as the

world's bawdiest saloon girl,

who, said the owners, would "mingle with guests, tell jokes-

and teach the latest country

and western dances." No sur-

prise that Ellis says: "We're

now looking for an alternative

North Sea in 1989 as well as continued international diversification of its exploration

Lasmo said cash flow from operations after tax more than tripled to £147 million, with net indebtedness amounting to £14 million by the year-end.

Following what Lasmo described as a "substantial" increase in its financial reserves in recent years, it has opted to reduce an imbalance Pre-tax profits for the year between issued share capital were up from £15.8 million to and reserves through a onebetween issued share capital for-two bonus issue of fully-

But the 1989 final dividend of 8.25p, which makes a total of 11.25p for the year against Oil and gas reserves have 8.5p last time, will not be increased by 68 per cent to 433 payable on the bonus shares which start trading on May 1



MONTHS' <u>REVIEW</u>

ASSURANCE

Dividend increase 13%

- ★ Shareholders' funds increased by 35% to £1,708m.
- ★ Operating profit before taxation £150.5m (1988 £201.8m).
- ★ Hurricane Hugo and exceptional weather claims in the United States cost £39m. Competition increased in non-life markets.
- ★ Life profits increased to £102.0m (1988 £83.7m).
- ★ Good profit contribution from the United Kingdom and Netherlands.

HI	GHLIGHTS		· ·
	12 months 1989 Unaudited	12 months 1988 Audited	-
Total premium income	£3,524.7m	£2,991.2m	+ 18%
Operating profit before taxation	£150.5m	£201.8m	25%
Operating profit after taxation	£92.0m	£121.6m	- 24%
Earnings per share	21.7p	28.9p	– 25%
Net assets per share	400p	301p	+ 33%
Dividend per share	21.5p	19.0p	+ 13%

The Board is proposing a final dividend of 13.35p per share making a roral for the year of 21.5p per share (1988 19.0p). The final dividend will be paid on 17 May 1990 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 12 April 1990. The proposed final dividend will cost £56.9m (1988 £49.5m). The proposed Group reorganisation, which was announced in November 1989, is subject to approval by shareholders at meetings to be held on 17 April 1990 and full details will be sent with the 1989 Report and Accounts. For reasons associated with this reorganisation it will not be possible to offer new ordinary shares in lieu of the 1989 final dividend.

This announcement does not constitute full group accounts for the year. Copies of the full group accounts, which have not yet been reported on by the auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on 22 March 1990 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 17 April 1990.



Commercial Union Assurance Company plc

Price right

The gap left by the departure two weeks ago of top agencies analyst Richard Dale from James Capel - now starting his own investor relations business - has already been filled. Stepping into his shoes will be Quintin Price, at present head of options research at Capel, where the options team won the top slot in the latest Extel survey. Price, aged 28, will be working beside the firm's remaining number one ranked agencies analyst, Neil Blackley, who-has held that spot in both the Extel and Institutional Investor surveys for five years. "I've always been fascinated by the media - in fact when I left university it was a toss-up as to whether I would go into advertising or banking," ex-plains Price of his internal switch, effective from April 2. The world of finance won initrina, are sisters - tells me that ially, since it was "the devil I knew - it was in the family my father was a general manager for Standard Chartered and my brother works for J P Morgan. Supporting his stated love of all things connected with the media, Price will be celebrating the publica-tion of his book Warrants, Options and Convertibles at the end of March with a party at that favoured watering hole of admen and journalists -

The Groucho Club. Balfour declares

With Roddy Balfour one of two directors to resign from Union Discount yesterday, the City is, if only temporarily,



Trixie a trifle too tacky

To celebrate the \$30 million acquisition of SFV, a Dallas wholesale fruit and vegetable distributor, by Polly Peck, Mark Ellis, Polly's corporate development director based in New York, had beped to hold a party for the great and good of Dallas in that famous and apparently glamorous Texan idence near by — the Southfork ranch, so well known to soap fans. It is available for hire at \$1,500 a night, but the proposal was

new ordinary share for every

369p nominal held.

losing one of its more colourful characters. Balfour, aged 41, and related through marriage to television personality David Frost - Balfour's wife, Tessa, and Frost's wife, Ca-



the changing face of Union Discount, now that the firm is involved in equity marketmaking and leasing, is the main factor behind his departure. The continuing decline of the gilt-edged market, in which he was directly in-volved, did not help. "I had been talking to Graeme Gilchrist (Union Discpunt's chief executive) for several months about my role within the group, which had become more and more difficult given the changes taking place. I have been very much party to the strategy of broadening Union Discount's base but in a sense I suppose I helped tie the noose around my own neck." Balfour, who has worked all his life in the fixed interest market, is still pondering his next career move -

"But I'm sure that it will be

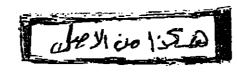
something with a financial

Monstrous Morgan Peter Morgan, the Institute of Directors' new director gen-

eral, may have made a big impact in yesterday's news papers with his maiden speech to an IOD convention. But last Friday he left members of its Northern Ireland branch stunned into an embarrassed silence. Addressing 500 members and their guests, including Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brooke and Belfast's Roman Catholic bishop, Cahal Daly, at their annual dinner, Morgan called for the abolition of the inheritance tax. "What does the Government do with the money it raises from the tax anyway, except waste it on the pay of bospital porters and the like?" he asked rhetorically. Brooke was visibly observed to avert his eyes heavenward and many of the members were deeply angered by the remark. We may be company directors but that does not make us insensitive and uncaring about the plight of lowly-paid members of the public services," said one senior member who left the room in disgust. "Least of all in Belfast would anyone re-gard hospital porters or other health service ancillaries as a waste. He came over as rude and patronising - and he told some very bad jokes."

 One City worthy has suggested a solution to the apparent problem lawyers had in finding 12 good men and true to comprise the jury for the lengthy Guinness trial. "Choose estate agents," he

Carol Leonard



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C&W adds to conditions of CITIC loan

Cable and Wireless is to add to he conditions of the loan with which China International Trust and Investment Corp (CITIC) will buy 20 per cent of

Hongkong Telecommunica-tions, its subsidiary.

C&W will provide an undertaking term to the covered warrants, part of the finance facility. In this, Morgan Stanley and Barclays de Zoete Wedd will issue a HK\$1 billion (£76.3 million) fiveyear covered warrant on 6 per cent of HK Telecom shares behalf of CITIC.

The proceeds of exercised covered warrants will be used to repay a \$220 million fiveyear zero-coupon facility. The financing package also in-cludes a HK\$5.4 billion 10-



General Accident

RESULTS FOR 1989

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1989 will be published on 9th April 1990, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1989, with actual figures for 1988, are as follows:-

	1989 £M	1988 £M
Premium Income General Business Long Term Business	3,100.2 381.3	2,554.1 292.5
	3,481.5	2,846.6
Investment Income	462.7 (47.6) (20.5) (203.8) 26.9	352.7 (16.9) 1.2 (32.8) 17.8
Less Interest on Loans	217.7 64.5	322.0 20.3
Less U.K. Employee Profit Sharing Scheme	153.2 6.2	301.7 7.6
Profit before Taxation	147.0 32.1	294.1 80.3
Profit after Taxation Minority Interests and Preference Dividends	114.9 (13.7)	213.8 (0.7)
Long Term Business Profits - GA Life 1988 Valuation	128.6 9.5	214.5
Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders	138.1	214.5
Earnings per Share	65.3p 50.0p 1198p	107.6p 44.0p 915p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results U.S.A. Canada	\$1.61 \$1.87	\$1.81 \$2.15

- (1) The result is stated after a notional contribution to the UK Pension Funds of £15.6m (1988 - nil) in accordance with SSAP 24.
- (2) The transfer of shareholders' profit from the long-term business fund is now stated gross of taxation and on a current year basis (1989). The transfer arising from the GA Life 1988 valuation is stated net of taxation.
- (3) Investment income excludes £12.6m (1988 £10.4m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be credited to earnings.
- (4) The above figures include the results of the NZI Corporation Limited with effect from its acquisition on 26th July 1988.
- (5) The NZI Bank result includes gains and losses both realised and unrealised on investments held for trading purposes.

Analysis by Territory of General Business Premium Income and Underwriting Result

_	Premium	Underwriting	Premium	Underwriting
	Income	Result	Income	Result
U.K. U.S.A. EEC other than U.K. Canada Pacific Basin Other Overseas London Market Business	£M	£M	£M	£M
	1,043.5	4.7	945.7	45.8
	918.4	(84.4)	812.2	(41.9)
	171.9	(25.4)	141.4	(14.8)
	377.3	(20.4)	292.1	(7.3)
	356.4	(21.8)	174.7	(1.4)
	105.7	(5.8)	81.3	(0.9)
inc). internal reinsurance	127.0	(50.7)	106.7	(12.3)
	3,100.2	(203.8)	2,554.1	(32.8)

Life Department

There was an increased contribution to profit and loss account from our long term funds, which also recorded UK new business production as follows:

	£M	£M
New Life and Annuity Premiums Annual Single	53.2 41.7	46.7 36.6
New business Single Premiums include £7.9m Department payments in respect of personal pensions.	of Social S	Security

Final Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1989

The Directors have decided to recommend to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 2nd May 1990, a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 32.5p per share (1988 28.5p) payable on or after 1st July 1990, to shareholders on the Register of Members at close of business on 27th April 1990. The total dividend for the year of 50.0p per share (1988 44.0p per share) will cost £106.5m (1988 £92.4m). The Directors propose to continue the scrip dividend arrangement.

Net Assets

The net asset value of the group at the year end was £2,552m (1988 £1,922m).

Establishment of New Holding Company

The Board intends to put forward proposals to establish a new non-insurance holding company for the Group by way of a Scheme of Arrangement. As part of these proposals it is intended that all the 250,000 5.5 per cent, cumulative preference shares of £1 each in the Corporation be repaid at par in accordance with their rights.

Details of these proposals, together with Notice of the necessary meetings to implement the Scheme of Arrangement, will be circulated in due course.

General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation plc.

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Court returns control of brewing assets to Bond

From David Tweed, Sydney

The immediate future of Mr Alan Bond's Bond Brewing Holdings Limited, owner of the Bond group's prized brew-ing assets, is unclear after the removal of receivers and managers from the company by the Victorian supreme court.

Although management of BBH has returned to the Bond executive, the banking syndicate that applied for the receivership on December 29 was believed to be considering an appeal to Australia's high

The syndicate is facing a substantial damages claim from BBH which yesterday said the company and its collectors had suffered severe damage from the receivership.

Mr Peter Lucas, an execntive director of Bond Corp Holdings, said the amount of the damages sought would relate to the "total damage" experienced by the company.

US investors in BBH also indicated they would proceed with their own winding-up application of BBH because the receivership had frozen an the receivership had trozen an interest payment, due last December, on Aus\$650 milion (£293 million) BBH debentures.

The debenture holders said wrong, and set it aside.

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they were concerned that gement practices that led to the receivership action

Justices Kaye, Brooking and Murphy unanimously decided the order installing the re-



Justice Kaye said: "In our opinion, these companies should never have been placed

in receivership on December 29 nor should the receivership

The court refused to agree

for the sake of a smooth

The decision was a great psychological victory for the Bond group which believes it may be the turning point in its

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

Sharp, the Japanese electronics company, is to establish a Trade and Industry, said the European centre for research company's decision under-

full court's decision did not come as a complete surprise, "it was still nice to have order

He said any uncertainty about HBH was in the hands of other groups which could mount further action against

the company.

He added: "If they want to
do that we will be ready again to defend our rights."

Mr Lucas said BBH's immediate priority was to restart talks with potential buyers of the Swan, Castlemaine Perkins and Tooheys breweries. BBH's banking syndicate, led by the National Australia Bank (NAB), was yesterday "considering its position."

dismissal of the receivers by reminding the court that the NAB still had the power to appoint separate receivers to the individual brewers. Sources close to the syn-

The syndicate reacted to the

dicate said it was examining conditions attached to the court ruling before deciding on further action.

Despite the Bond group regaining control of BBH, there are still protective mechanisms place to prevent BBH selling any of its assets without giving three days notice to its US investors.

This effectively acts in fa-your of the banking syndicate because the money owed to the banks has to be paid before any funds are paid to the US investors. This undertaking was agreed to in the Commer

scored the attractiveness of

Britain for major inter-

national companies seeking a

European base for the single

Sharp, which has two manu-

centre's efforts to research into

information technology and

It is being funded with cash

mainly from Sharp Electron-

ics (UK) and 12.5 per cent

each from Sharp's operations

in West Germany and Spain.

market of 1992.

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Call for public offer changes

By Jeremy Andrews

Companies seeking flotation via an offer for sale will no longer be required to publish their prospectuses in two national newspapers under pro-posals announced yesterday by a Stock Exchange review

Also, placings would be-come more widespread. Even in large issues of more than £20 million only half would need to be offered for sale.

The committee of Stock Exchange members and users, chaired by Mr Graham Ross Russell, of CCF Laurence Prust, was asked 12 months ago to review new issue procedures with a view to preserving London's international competitiveness in the run-up to 1992.

The committee was also told to take account of the privatization of water and electricity and the Stock Ex-change's wish to promote

wider share ownership.
It concluded that privatizations did not raise any new

The committee also gave the pricing mechanism of offers for sale and the underwriting system a clean bill of

But it did suggest a number of changes which would re-duce the expense of new issues and thus help improve the international competitiveness

of British capital markets. These include the dropping. of the requirement to advertise offer prospectuses and lifting the £15 million limit for

Up to half of issues of more than £20 million could be placed, with only the balance offered for sale. As only the offered portion of the issue would need to be subjusted. would need to be sub-underwritten this would reduce For issues of between £10

million and £20 million, no more than £10 million could be placed and at least a quarter of the issue would either be offered for sale or offered to other member firms on a common basis for placing with their clients. For those under £10 million, the restrictions on placing shares with the sponsor's clients would be

The committee also cons cluded that improvements the distribution and trading of shares were required. .

Polly Peck issue Sharp to establish for buys of \$30m **R&D** centre in UK

By Philip Pangalos

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Polly Peck International, the International and Barclays de fresh produce to electronics Zoete Wedd Securities will underwrite and place the new shares with institutions and other investors outside Amtions with two acquisitions erical worth a total of \$30.15 million, to be satisfied by the issue of 4.85 million new PPI ordinary shares.

PPI is buying the Standard Fruit & Vegetable Company, a wholesale fruit and vegetable distributor in Dallas, Texas, for \$23.25 million, and Propco, whose principal asset is a property used in SFV's business, for \$6.9 million.

Shearson Lehman Hutton to 396p.

SFV, which supplies more than 360 supermarkets and institutional customers, had pre-tax profits of \$3.6 million in the 12 months to end-December, on net sales of \$76.6 million and net assets of \$10.5 million.

Wholesaling operations account for about 80 per cent of revenue.

Polly Peck shares rose 10p

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facturing facilities in Britain, aims to devote much of the er's senior science and tech-nology adviser at the Cabinet Office. Construction of Sharp Laboratories of Europe, which will emphasize scientific recruitment from Britain, will

European centre for research

The academic centre, which

is to receive £10 million in

start-up funding from the company, is to be headed by

Dr Clive Bradley, Mrs Thatch-

and development in Oxford.

start this year at Magdalen College's newly-launched Oxford Science Park. Mr. Edo Forth

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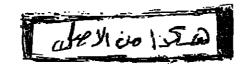
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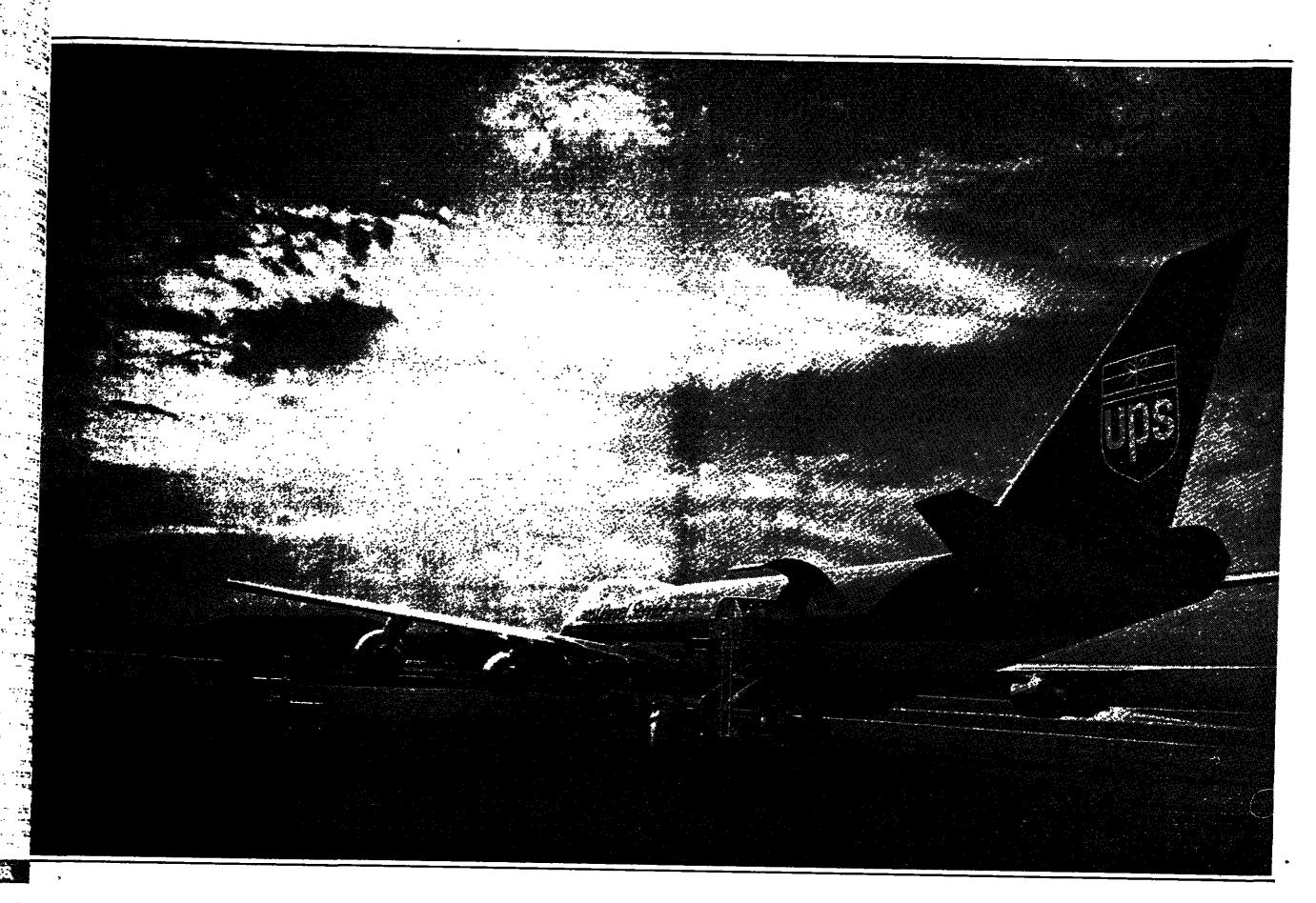
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Thorn falls on talk of US purchase

Suggestions that Thorn EMI, 0.1 to 1,781.4. However, turnthe television rental, lighting and leisure group, was poised to make a large acquisition in the US depressed the share price 12p to 697p, after touching 689p, in late trading. There is talk that Thorn,

which owns EMI Records and Capitol-EMI Music, is ready to buy the music division of Warner Bros, the American film maker, in order to increase its exposure in the US. Dealers said the package could be worth up to \$750 million and would have to be financed by a fund-raising exercise. st year. Thorn unsuccessfully tried to sell its defence interests. They were expected to fetch about £300 million but failed to attract a buyer. The sale plans were later

The rest of the equity market was able to shrug off a worse-than-expected set of trade figures showing the January deficit widening to £1.88 billion - more than double the revised figure of £817 million for the previous

After the initial shock, it was decided that the figures had been distorted by an unusually large import of diamonds. The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 11 points at one stage, eventually closed 0.6 higher at 2,255.4 after another firm start to trading on Wall Street. The narrower FT Index of top 30 shares fell

turning of the tables.

ed for bargains in a market

over remained low, with just 365.9 million shares traded. their toll on Government securities, which were left

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

nursing losses of £1 1/2. Among leaders, Marks and Spencer advanced 24p to in the profits estimate from Warburg Securities, the bro-ker. Despite the depressed conditions in the retail sector, several analysts have started prospects at M&S.

Amersham International tumbled 32p to 301 1/2p on talk of a brokers' profits downgrading. The group's fortunes have taken a turn for the worst

advertising agency, fell 10p to 33p. The group, with debts of £7 million, is due to publish a review of costs. BZW, the broker, says the group will have to close six nies before returning to profit and is forecasting a £1.6 million loss (£2.7 million

in recent years, with profits in decline. Talk of a bid has also evaporated.

profit) this year.

Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group, ended 2p lighter at after reporting pre-tax profits for the full year up from £216 million to £251

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Polly Peck, the international trading group, and one of the Tempus naps for 1990, firmed 7p to 3921/p. The group is paying \$30.2 million for Standard Fruit and Vegetable, the Texas wholesaler, and its associated property company. To help finance the deal, Shearson Lehman Hutton is placing almost 5 million shares in the marketplace. Polly Peck has made a number of shrewd acquisitions recently, including the fruit packaging arm of Del Monte, the American food

group.

Leigh Interests, the waste disposal group, fell 17p to 345p on the news that it wants to reduce its level of debt. It is planning to raise £35.6 million by way of a one-for-three rights issue at 290p. The group is forecasting pre-tax profits for the current year to March against £6 million last time.

minster Bank, 3p to 352p. Lasmo failed to hold on to suits showed pre-tax profits an early 13p lead, finishing 4p cheaper at 615p despite news of an increase in full-year net profits from £28 million to as low as £135 million. Windalmost £60 million and a one-for-two scrip issue. storm damage cost the group an estimated £40 million. But for-two scrip issue.

oil sector attracted early selective support, which soon dried up. Shell added 4p to 455½p after Smith New Court, the stockbroker, placed a large line of shares which had been overhanging the market for several davs.

Rises were also seen in BP, ½p to 337p, and Ultramar, 4p to 363½p, although Burmah fell 2p to 607½p, Calor Group 4p to 308p, and Enterprise 9p to 617p. But the outlook for

Rank Organisation, which last month raised £357 million by way of a rights iss eld steady at 764p. The group is to make a presentation to fund managers, who will want to know how Rank intends to spend the proceeds. Rank wants more involvement in the leisure industry.

the oil industry remains bright. This week, Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, forecast that the price of crude oil would rise to \$25 a barrel by 1992 and \$30 a barrel two

Full-year figures from Commercial Union, kicking off the dividend season, brought only

falling from £201.8 million to £150.5 million. Most analysts had been looking for a figure

Dealers said the rest of the uncertainty about future prospects left the CU share price 2½p firmer at 477p. Full-year figures from rival General Accident made grim reading showing pre-tax profits falling from £294.1 million

to £147 million. A number of natural disasters have resulted in underwriting losses totalling £78 million. Royal Insurance, reporting today, closed above its worst levels to finish 4p lighter at 495p. Falls were also seen in Sun Alliance, 11p to 291p, and

to 230p. Bass clawed back some early losses to end 9p lighter at 9721/2p helped by the news that it plans to sell its Crest hotel chain.

But falls were still seen in Allied-Lyons, 8p to 453p, Vaux Group, 3p to 252p, and Whithread 'A', 7p to 389p. Grand Metropolitan fell 1p to 570p, while Guianess firmed 12p to 66lp ahead of figures next month. Scottish & Newcastle rose 4p to 313½p.

The British Kidney Patient Association Investment Trust jumped 10p to 305p after

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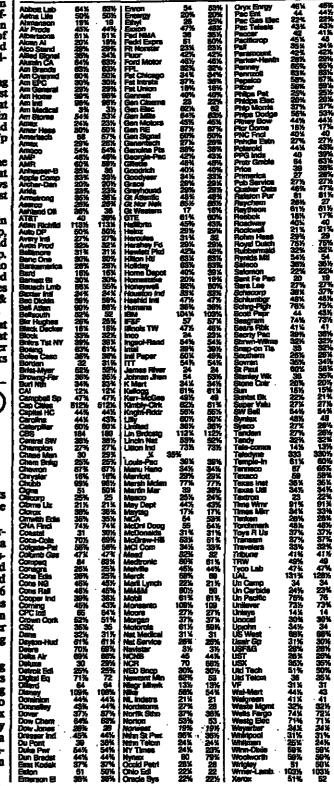
New York (Rester) - Light little effect, according futures related buying in thin trading helped push blue chip issues and the broader market

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 16.21 points at 2,633.33, with gaining issues holding a lead of two-to-one over decliners.

However, a big upward revision in fourth quarter US was a rebound in a market gross national product had tending towards the downside.

Miss Hildegard Zagorski, an analyst at Prudential-Bache said: "The economy is not # going into a recession, 50 interest rates are not coming

She added that the recent gain could be a technical bounce. So far, she thought it was a rebound in a market



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Nikkei soars close to pre-slump level

From Joe Joseph Tokyo Shares soared for the second Trading volume of 700

day running yesterday, pushing the Nikkei stock index million shares was healthier than it has been. almost back to where it was before Monday's collapse in Tokyo threatened to pull the rug from under world stock The resilience of London

and Wall Street to Japan's led the buying. Investment iitters has helped Tokyo get trust funds were also active. back on its feet, an unusual The Tokyo market closed 694.04 points higher at 34,591.99 as investors, helped by Monday evening's easing of margin requirements, look-

Mr Yoshio Shimoyama, general manager of stock trading at Nikko Securities, said individual investors, armed with increased liquidity from

lower margin requirements.

Together with Tuesday's 576.08-point advance, the Nikkei has almost made up all the ground it lost on Monday, when it sank more than 1,500 points in its second worst fall

ers discount the possibility of Japanese economy and further any extended bull runs as long aggravate the stock market's as the prospect of higher Japanese interest rates continues to dog the market.

The likelihood of another rate rise grew yesterday when Mr Ryutaru Hashimoto, the Finance Minister, indicated that he would consider a change in Japan's monetary policy if consulted by the Bank of Japan.

The central bank has been keen to raise borrowing costs to support the yen and choke off the threat of imported inflation

Although the recovery of Until now, Finance Min-

which looks like it may have the past two days may have istry officials have been fallen enough for the time established a temporary floor complaining that higher interest rates could hurt the aggravate the stock market's

BET, the industrial services

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238p as analysts continued to

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with a rise of 4p to 189p. The first set of full-year figures

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lic last year revealed pre-tax

profits up from £414 million

to £501 million. against the

most optimistic market fore-casts of £490 million.

contrast to those recently re-

ported by the big four clearing

banks, which managed to cling

onto small gains. Barclays

Bank, reporting today, added 5p to 568½p, Lloyds Bank, 2p to 288½p, Midland Bank, 2p

The figures were in stark

However, they said yesterday that Japan had this week asked other members of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations to boost coordination to help prop up the ven.

The yen still looks sickly, but it managed to edge up sterday after continued central bank support in currency

The dollar dipped 0.51 year to end the day at 148.52 yen, but dealers said support for the yen remained weak.

WORLD MARKETS Frankfurt wipes out losses to edge ahead

German shares recovered early losses during a moderate on, with most shares ending higher.

The DAX index of 30 leading shares closed 5.60 points higher at 1,809.92.

The market was somewhat volatile, lacking clear direction, dealers said. Volume returned to moderate levels, after holidays kept trade slow at the start of the week.

Volkswagen closed DM3 lower at DM554 (£193) amid speculation that the company would set a rights issue. After the bourse closed VW said it

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Frankfurt (Reuter) - West would set a one-for-10 rights issue at a price to be

all share index rose to a preliminary 3,081 from Tuesday's 3,058 close, the all-gold index to 1,916 from 1,891 and the industrial index to 3.006 from 2,974. The market was helped by another rally on Wall Street and a further recovery in Tokyo, but trading was quiet, dealers said.

Seng index ended 19.36 points up at 2,951.98 and the Hong Kong index gained 12.62 to 1,936.63. The main index closed firmer supported by selective bargain-hunting in a few blue chips with local investors more cautious than overseas institutions.

• Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index finished 4.8 points up at 1575.2. The market struggled to a slightly firmer ignoring the surge in Tokyo's Nikkei index, brokers said. ● Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index rose 14.97 points to end at 1,550.06

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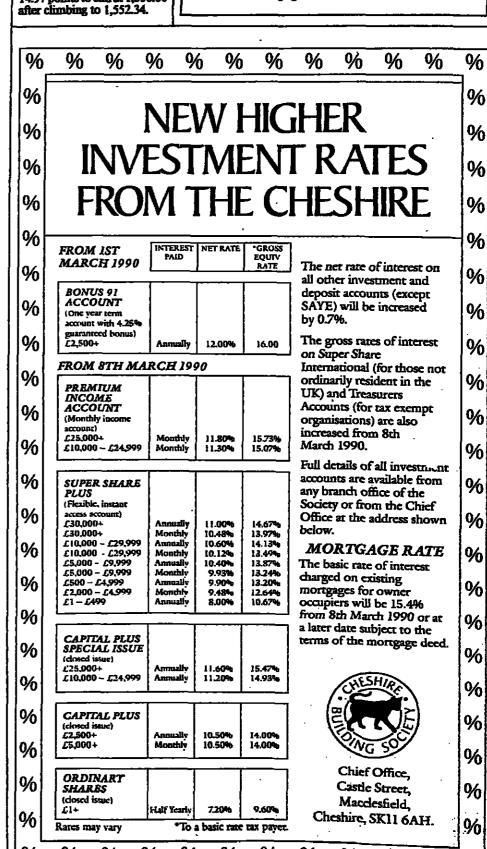
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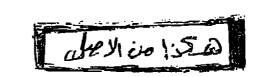
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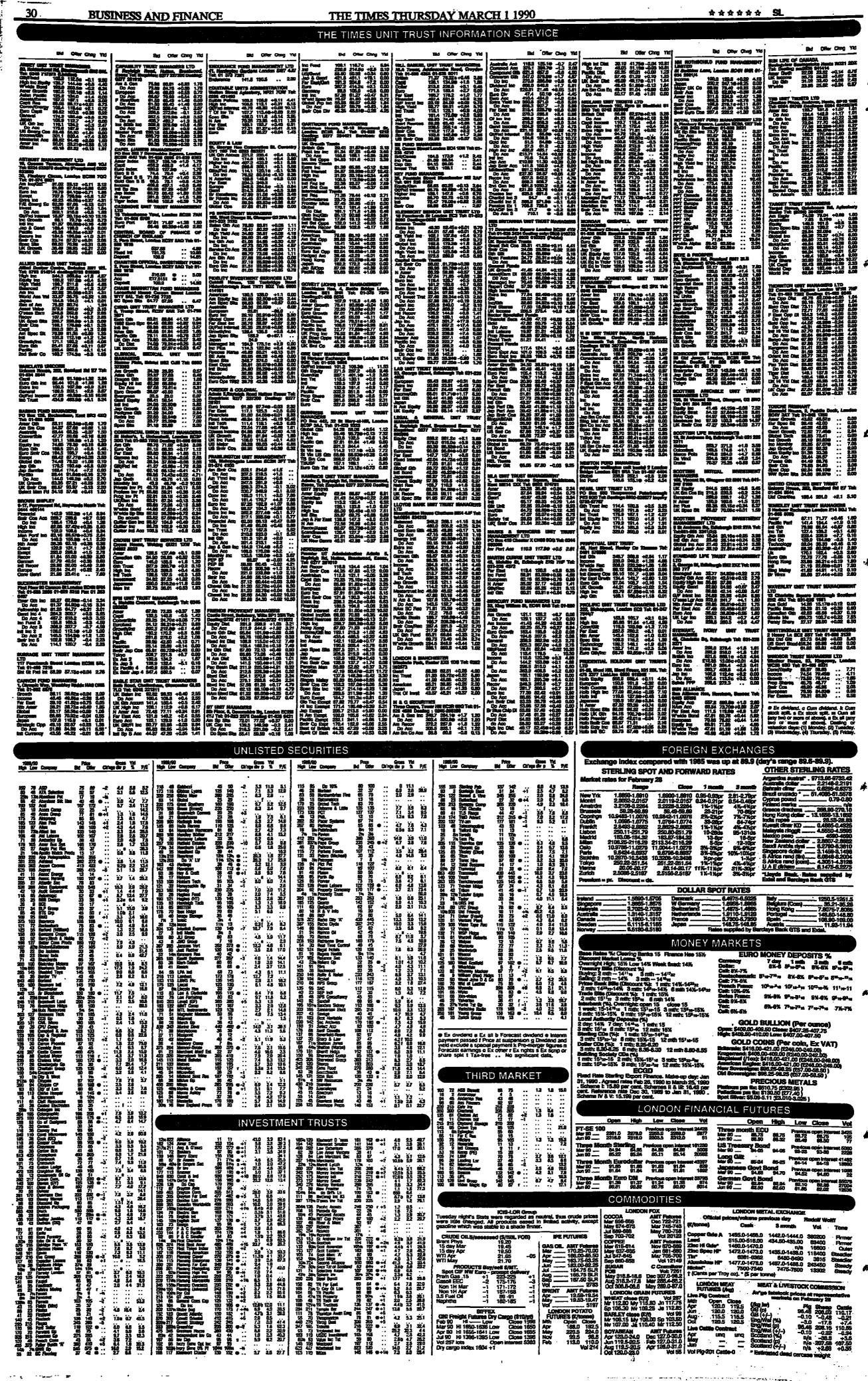
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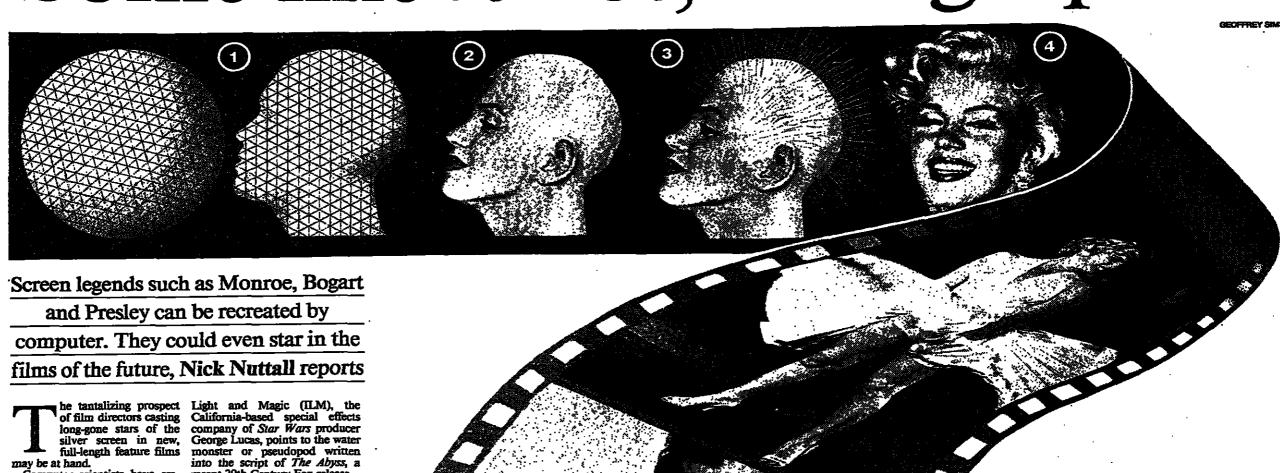
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Some like it hot, with graphics



Computer scientists have created a Marilyn Monroe character, generated electronically, which, they claim, looks and behaves stunningly like the legend.

A short sequence, in which the effect that the director wanted," computer-sculptured actress performs in her famous skirt-blowing scene, will be released in about three months.

The breakthrough has been made by a University of Geneva rippled like the film's creature, he team who have, for several years, said. been refining modelling and Because the monster's appearanimation software to computer ance was due as much to light on synthesize heroes and heroines like Monroe and Humphrey

Bogart.
The professor of computing, Ms Nadia Thalmann, said the group was also working on an electronic the humans it met. Elvis Presley and a Madonna. She said that in early attempts the manufactured Monroe was unmistakable, but her hair and clothes resembled a Barbie doll more than a human being.

But the new computer-crafted skirt is buffeted by hot air from the ing a familiar life form to appear subway, has broken the boundaries between artificiality and real he believes that the only limitalife. Skin tones, unique to each tions to such achievements are person and notoriously difficult to time and money. synthesize, look authentic.

that has been so complicated for some directors and producers may computer animators to create have about computer graphics:

convincingly, has been electronicall mimicked to a level There is a that defies detection, short the team claims. The clothes, instead of sequence in appearing rigid or cutting through a characwhich the ter's form, flow with computer the body and the air. With enough funding, 'actress' Professor Thalmann performs in believes the project could be out of the her famous laboratory and used in skirt scene a full-length feature film in a few years.

Synthesizing one of the film world's greatest legends to star as the leading lady in, say, the next James Bond may raise moral and ethical questions for some.

It is also likely to raise legal questions from the film studios

The university film team faced public consumption.

"We pointed out that we weren't making any money, so they agreed it was OK," Professor Thalmann said.

Yet without doubt, computer has come of age for application throughout the special effects department of the movie world.

Experts believe it could cut stunts too dangerous for humans.

However, it is in the realm of animation age.
One of the great problems that science fiction and fantasy where many see its greatest role, by fulfilling the scriptwriters' wildest animation industry is to make

recent 20th Century Fox release. "Using computer animation we were able to create an effect that had no counterpart in traditional techniques while producing an

Mr Kay said. A model or hand-painted, twodimensional monster, animated by traditional cartoon techniques, would never have continuously

water as the water itself, ILM's computer had to calculate millions of possible reflections to achieve realism. The creature also had to reflect the expressions of

At Imagina, the European computer graphics festival held in Monte Carlo, The Abyss took the

Mr Kay admits that because no one had seen a monster made from water before, suspending replicating the shot in reality was marginally easier in Monroe's white, pleated The Abyss than computer-animatreal, like a deer or a cat. However,

Mr Kay also believes that The Blonde, flowing hair, a feature Abyss buries the lingering doubts

> namely that they look and feel as if they have been electronically made. "We believe we are at the point where the effects do not look as if they were created by a particular tech-nique," he said. The firm's computer artists are working on Back To The Future III. Here the technique is proving a powerful resource for solving technical

problems rather than creating flashy creatures. For example, in the second film of the series, the hero, Michael J. Fox, took to the air in a De Lorean car.

The scene, full of flying vehicles, was shot on a conventional set and the inheritors of the star's using cranes that held the cars aloft with cables.

Instead of painting out the wires the lawyers when they learnt on the film, ILM's computer Bogart was being recreated for animators recreated the backdrop

that the cables were obscuring. "The work's more subtle. Adding elements or wiping out arti-facts you do not want," Mr Kay

ILM's philosophy is pragmatic, animation, from a faltering start, considering computer animation as a tool for making more exciting and cheaper films, rather than as

an end in itself. Just across the road from ILM expensive location costs by allow- in San Rafael is Pixar, a company ing the armchair synthesis of founded by Mr John Lasseter, a landscapes, and generate elaborate man who has done more than most to bring on the computer

has faced the fledgling computer animal and human faces "soft". Mr Doug Kay, of Industrial The design of computers means

they tend to crea

-bold colours. In 1989, Mr Lasseter demonstrated this need not be so when he won an Oscar for his short, Tin Toy, in which a small toy is pursued across a lounge by an obsessed baby. What captivated the judges was both the humour and life-like actions of the child, which moved with the natural unco-ordination of its years.

Mr Lasseter, who gained early training at Disney, followed Tin Tov with Knick Knack, a celebration of the cartoon world. He has now moved out of research and development into making

But few doubt that he is gearing up for a fully-animated film, synthesized by computer. "It has been a goal of many people in the field to make a full-length, computer-generated film. But we feel there is no reason to do this for its own sake," Mr Kay said.

"We believe this technology should be used if the story needs it, rather than the other way round." Mr Kay is sceptical about casting synthesized actors and

actresses in film roles. "I don't see the problem as being one of computer graphics, more of artificial intelligence problems of the computer,' said. "It is not just the question of getting the character to look right, but teaching it to act, be believable and create the right emotions. That is such a large leap from where intelligent systems are

He also wonders if people really want to see computer-synthesized stars. "I think people go to the movies to see people, and by that I mean real people.

THE REMAKING OF A SCREEN LEGEND.

Each part of Marityn Monroe, from her head, nose and eyes to legs and arms are sculpted separately from spheres seqmented into triangles or polygons. A computer program allows the animator to reform and shape the segments, electronically

moulding" each facet of her physique, so that for the head, triangles are removed to take separately-formed eyes. For her cheeks, the polygons are pulled out and distended. All parts are combined later.

An electronic palette. with 60 million colour combinations, is used to add body and skin tones. Computer-generated light and camera angles help create the illusion of three dimensions. Skin texture and tones is checked, to look real in a variety of settings, such as day

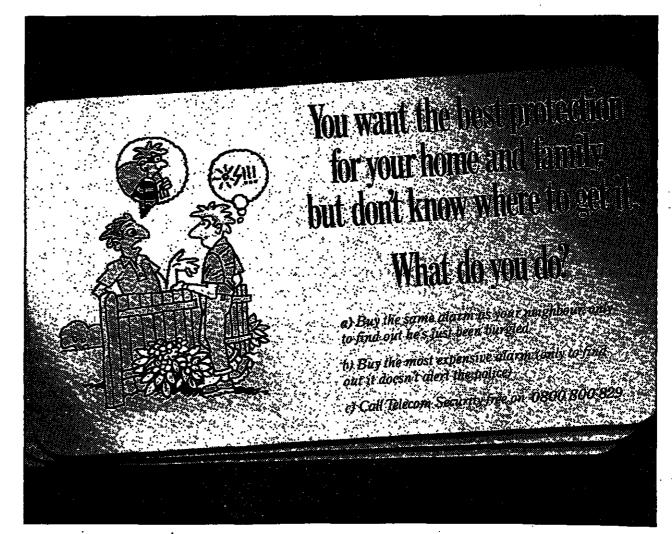
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Creating realistic hair is one of the most difficult tasks. The computer artist commands the computer to "grow" it. It must be then styled, a few strands at a time.

Animation: The mod-el's trajectory is programmed and a command button makes her move. Facial expressions are already set. The artist types in a sentence and the icial movements follow. Computer animated clothes traditionally look rigid. But the Geneva-based team has made them flow.

Post-production: A real actress is used to mimic Monroe's voice. The sequence can then be put on film, perhaps alongside one of today's stars.



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TRACING ANIMATION: FROM MICKEY MOUSE TO STAR WARS

ilm animation really began with Walt Disney's transfixing hand-drawn Mickey Mouse from the legendary 1928 cartoon, Steamboat Willie. Special effects credit is also due

to Ray Harrybausen for his incredible monsters, modelled by hand, with each fractional movement painstakingly filmed using stop-frame photography.

Jason and the Argon

which seven skeletons have a fiveminute duel with three of the legendary mariners, took Harryhausen more than foor months to shoot.

Since the invention of the computer, such technology has pene-trated the film world, controlling cameras and models.

Some say the pinnacle of this combination of hand-craft and processing power was reached by George Lucas in the spaceship dog fights in Star Wars (1977). Computer graphics made an

early entrance in the 1982 Disney

production Tron but the animation, which attempted to represent the insides of a computer, failed to win over the critics.

1928: animation has come

far since Mickey's first days

Nevertheless, despite setbacks computer animation, ILM tinued work with the technology, employing it in a limited way

films such as Willow which

used computer synthesis to link a

tortoise, tiger and human transformation. Computers were also used for an ageing scene in Indiana Jones and the Last

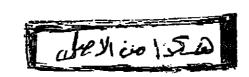
Synthetic lighting by ILM also

played a crucial role in the success

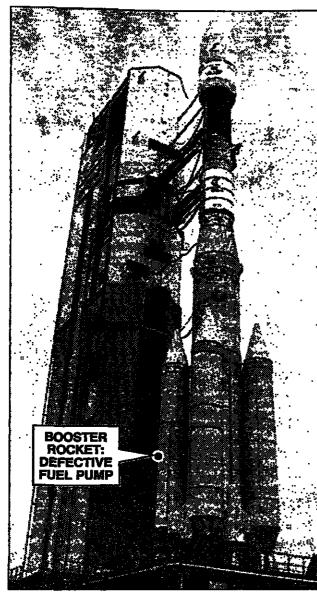
of Roger Rabbit where a two-dimensional cartoon character ap-peared to co-exist in a real world. But the technique has proven its promise in the current release thriller, The Abyss, and in the shorts made by Lasseter, who worked at ILM before going solo. Nadia Thalmann's reputation for work in the field has grown since

her early Monroe attempts, such

as Galaxy Sweetheart. Britain, a nation respected for its special effects, seems to be left behind in this new era. Mr Roy Field, one of the country's leading special-effects experts, based at Pinewood Studios in Iver, Buckinghamshire, said the industry has the expertise but not the investment.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Fault line: an Ariane 4 rocket similar to the one which exploded more than just a gap in the West's

Setback in space

hen a European Ariane rocket exploded last week, it ended a successful string of 17 launches, and came at a particularly sensitive time for Arianespace, the commercial arm of the European Space Agency which developed the vehicle.

The accident gives United States rocket manufacturers a chance to recover a large part of the commercial rocket launch business they lost to Arianespace after the Challenger space shuttle disaster in 1986.

The European organization controls more than 50 per cent of the commercial world market. But the grounding of the Ariane vehicles, pending a board of inquiry into the fault, will cause an unfortunate delay to the timetable for launching a backlog of 34 satellites worth \$2.25 billion (about £1.3 billion), and in making bids to launch the next generation of satellites.

Although Ariane's launchings have become routine and the company has the biggest single share of the international market for rocket services, its programme has suffered several setbacks since it began in 1979.

By May 1982, there had been four failures in 18 Ariane rocket launchings. Three of these were in the rocket's third and uppermost stage. The last one, in May 1986, brought a 16-month interruption in launches from the European Space Agency's rocket centre, at Kourou, in French Guiana.

Furthermore, the latest failure of an Ariane 4 version cuts the success rate of firings for the European rockets to 86 per cent. This is almost 10 per cent lower than the reliability figures quoted by US manufacturers to customers and, equally important, to insurance companies.

The Challenger accident produced

A rocket explosion has threatened the market leadership of Europe's

major aerospace firm

launcher capacity which allowed the European industry to capture a large slice of the business. It exposed a flaw in space policy adopted by the American Nat-ional Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), which was to rely completely on the re-usable shuttle to the exclusion of expendable launch vehicle This led to closure of production lines of the rocket manufacturers.

The Challenger explosion left the West without any capability to boost large payloads into orbit. American policy was reversed. In fact, the US government has banned the use of the shuttle for commercial launches. Consequently, the major aerospace firms, including US rocket makers Martin Marietta, of Denver, McDonnell Douglas Space Systems of Huntington Beach, California, and General Dynamics, of San Diego, have jumped into the commercial arena with 26 firm contracts.

he rocket that failed last week

was one of the fourth generation of Ariane boosters, which were put into service less than two years ago. It was carrying two Japanese communications satellites - Superbird-2, the second in a series of high-power Japanese communications satellites, and BS-2X, a three-channel direct broadcast relay station. Super-bird's value was as much as \$200

The failure will undoubtedly push already-inflated insurance rates even higher. The rocket blew up 101 seconds into flight. Apparently, the supply of liquid fuel to one of four Viking booster rockets strapped to the first stage of the Ariane failed a few seconds after firing.

M Frederic d'Allest, president of Arianespace, said: "We are going to analyze the failures to explain the catastrophe of this flight as rapidly as

Arianespace, a consortium that includes European aerospace companies, banks and the French national space agency, took over the Ariane programme from the 13-nation European Space Agency in 1980.

The Ariane 4 rockets, developed at a cost of \$575 million, marked a great advance in propulsion capability. Each can carry a payload of 4.6 tons into orbit, against 2.8 tons for Ariane 1. The growth in payload capacity was achieved by lengthening the first stage of the rocket and increasing firing time by 50 per cent.

The Ariane 4 is the most powerful rocket in the Ariane family, capable of boosting 10,000 lb satellites into orbit and comparable to the American Titanclass rockets used to launch heavy military spy satellites.

The flights had become aimost routine. Successful missions have been held at the rate of about one a month, with 43 satellites launched since the commercial programme got under way in 1981.

Since taking over the commercial end of the Ariane space programme 10 years ago, Arianespace has rejected starry visions, like the 1960s moon race, for the down-to-earth goal of making money.

The Challenger tragedy in 1986 left Ariane with an enviable monopoly on the satellite launch business.

Pearce Wright

tingham hospital is the Nucleus cochlear implant, developed in Melbourne, Australia, at a cost of A\$30 million (about £13.5 million) and now priced at £10,000 a patient in A second problem is that

the implants can become infected; a third is that the benefits vary from individual to individual. In all cases. rehabilitation of the child is complex and requires a deep commitment by the parents.
"The technology isn't perfect, but it's improving and we

can expect further advances,' Mr O'Donoghue says. "With the bargaining power of the Department of Health, the price of the equipment should come down. We're just at the beginning."

SCIENCE REPORT

Common cold cure findings

rugs against some forms of the common cold could be possible after the discovery that many cold viruses infect cells by sticking to certain "receptor" proteins on the surfaces of the cells. A report in today's issue of Nature (vol. 344, pp. 70-72) shows how these receptors can be modified to fool the viruses, diverting them from the cells they would otherwise infect.

The receptor is called Intercellular Adhesion Molecule 1 (ICAM-1), and is vital in the cell-to-cell ication on which rests the functional integrity of the body's immune sys-

Steven Marlin of Boehringer Ingel-heim Pharmaceuticals of Ridgefield, his colleagues, have been working on ways of msing ICAM-1 to fight infection by rhinoviruses, the family of viruses respon-

sible for 50 per cent of common cold infections. Rhinoviruses infect cells after sticking very specifically to ICAM-1 receptors bound to cell SUZÍRCES.

However, Marlin's team has shown that rhinoviruses stick to free-floating, soluble versions of ICAM-1 just as effectively. So soluble ICAM-1 could, in theory, be used as a specific rhinovirus inhibitor, binding to viruses before they can reach ICAM-1 on cell surfaces.

This research compares with a proposed strategy to treat AIDS. The AIDS virus, HIV-1, enters cells after sticking to a cellsurface receptor called CD4. Like ICAM-1, CD4 is a protein that is usually found bound to the cell surface, and is involved in cell-to-cell communication in the immune system. But soluble forms of CD4 act as "decoys" that divert HIV-1 ricuses from sticking to cellsurface CD4.

of research on the decoy strategy. Last year, the team made soluble CD4 molecules even more effective, by fusing them with ordinary antibody molecules (Science Report, Februsry 9, 1989). But there are still many obstacles before a drag against the common cold becomes practical. First, Marlin's teams used a very specialized system of cultured cells to demonstrate the efficacy of sol-

nhie ICAM-1. The next stage will be to see whether it works in a living laboratory animal, in which conditions are less controlled. A potential prob-

lem has been pointed out by a. research team from the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. Charles Bangham and Andrew McMichael have also written an article in Nature. They say that, for the decoy to work, there must

be a concentration of soluble ICAM-1 in the nesal mucosa (the tissues in the nose and sinuses where the infection takes place) high enough to neutralize the invading virases.

Taintaining high concentrations of ICAM-1 in laboratory cell cultures is relatively simple, but might be more difficult in a living animal or a human patient.

One of the reasons the Genentech group stitched soluble CD4 to an antibody was to extend its "residence time" in the bloodstream from minutes to bours or days, long enough for an effective dosage to accu-

The problem is also of achieving the right balance. Too much free ICAM-1 in the nasal mucosa could lead to damaging immune reactions worse than suffering a

Henry Gee

Implants for deaf children

neering an operation which enables children made totally deaf by infections or accidents to hear again at a crucial stage of their development or a fire alarm. Four operations, known as cochlear implants, were car-ried out last week, on children

aged between four and nine years, at University Hospital, Nottingham, the only centre in Britain dedicated to the work in paediatric cases. The Department of Health no longer regards the surgery

ritish doctors are pio

as experimental and will fund it with £3 million over the next three years. At best, the operation allows a previously deaf child to use the telephone; at the very

impact, leaving them be- the hearing nerve directly. wildered and isolated, unable

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ceiver and remains in place by means of magnets attached to both. The Australian manufacturers of the devices say that eight out of 10 will be reliable for 70 years.

have been performed on children in Britain, all at University Hospital, Nottingham. Four were carried out last week with funding from the Ear Foundation charity and Sheffield Health Authority.

Mr Gerard O'Donoghue,

Only five of the operations

the consultant surgeon who carried out the operations, says: "About 1 per cent of children struck by bacterial

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meningitis suffer profound or total deafness as a result. "The illness most often strikes in the first two years of

> and language development. The disruption caused by the deafness can have devastating effects on a child's educational and intellectual attainment. "The device allows a means of verbal communication, and will always improve lip reading skills. It is a very emotional moment for the parents

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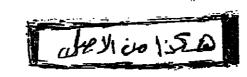
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A bill for nuclear power

reliminary action to reduce the exposure to radiation of nuclear power industry workers is being considered this week by the Department of Employment's Health and Safety Executive. This follows a study by Professor Martin Gardner, of Southampton University, showing that employment at Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant was sufficient to account for the high incidence of

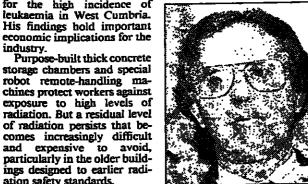
His findings hold important economic implications for the industry. Purpose-built thick concrete storage chambers and special robot remote-handling machines protect workers against exposure to high levels of radiation. But a residual level of radiation persists that be-comes increasingly difficult and expensive to avoid, particularly in the older build-

ings designed to earlier radi-ation safety standards. The British nuclear power industry is likely to face extra costs in safety standards in the same manner as its United States counterpart did after the Three Mile Island accident

12 years ago. As an interim plan, British Nuclear Fuels has agreed with sure to radiation from workthe Health and Safety Exec-

Britain's nuclear power industry is facing hefty safety millisieverts (mSv) of radiation a year, based on international standards. costs in the wake of Sellafield, Pearce Wright reports

utive on measures to restrict link was identified by Prof will work in a radiation environment. Special precautions will be taken for newlyweds and workers with young



Discussions have also started with British Nuclear Fuels into research needed for greater understanding of the ink between leukaemia in children and the father's expoing at the Sellafield plant. This

the time any individual at risk Gardner from a study which showed that the increased levels of childhood cancer in the area was unrelated to other potential sources of environmental contamination from Sellafield, such as eating seafood from the Irish Sea, home-grown vegetables or playing on the beach.

The report has renewed long-standing controversy over the risks of exposure to low levels of radiation. It is known that the only biological effect of radiation is to destroy tissue, but a question remains over the ability of the body's cells to withstand low levels of

Safety experts over the past 40 years have gradually reduced the limits recommended for occupational exure, with an even lower level of exposure advised for A draft document of a

revised set of international and call for the proposed safety standards, which has been five years in the making, limits to be cut by at least another 10 per cent. was being circulated for comment by the International

Legally, a British worker receive up to 50

Protection on the same day

Prof Gardner's results ap-

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peace ask for far more

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In a reply to the com-

Almost two years ago the Government's National Radiological Protection Board recommended industry limit exposure to 15 mSv a year. Its advice was based on the

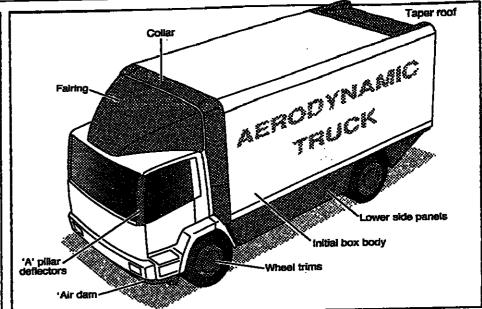
same research data available to the international commis-Few workers in Britain now exceed the 15 mSv level, and British Nuclear Fuels has a

policy that determines a measurement of 30 mSv as an "action level". Action is taken to prevent any further expo sure to the individual. But Prof Gardner's study suggested there was a six to eightfold increase in the risk of

childhood leukaemia in children of male Sellafield radiation workers who had received no more than 20 mSv in the year leading to conception.

The study also showed a fourfold increase in the risk of childhood leaukaemia from an exposure of only 10 mSv in the six months before concep-

If further work corroborates these findings, there will be enormous pressure for tighter safety margins, whatever the



Shape of the future

which reduces aerodynamic drag on commercial vehicles, could cut fuel bills by almost

In a study partly funded by the Department of Energy, tests were carried out us pairs of vehicles. Each pair included one standard 17tonne, box-bodied lorry, fitted with a variety of aerodynamic panels along with an unmodi-fied model. All four joined the Argos distribution fleet for six

The results were impressive, according to industrial design consultants Ricardo-AS & A, who conducted the project They say the drag was reduced to a level equivalent to most modern cars.

The modified lorries had an overall drop in fuel consumption of 19 per cent, which increased to a maximum of 40 per cent when the lorries ran

consultancy, which has a European patent pending on the design, is to offer licences to manufacturers. It also believes a market will exist for kits to be fitted to existing vans which include all the modifications except the tapered roof at the back.

Prices should rauge from £1,300 to £1,900 a van. depending on how many of the ments are fitted.

Matthew May

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Improving the view



Radial keratotomy, the type of correct nearsightedness, is safe and gener-

ally effective, but the success rate is unpredictable. The operation involves making incisions to the cornea of the eye to alter its shape. According to a study of 322 people who have had the treatment, two-thirds of those who had surgery on both eyes were able to see well without glasses or contact lenses four years later. The study, which was published in the Journal of the American Medical Assocation, also revealed that two people had suffered short-term eve infection, and 11 were slightly less able to read the fine lines on a chart following surgery. "We cannot be as sure of the outcome as if we were fitting someone with a pair of glasses," the director of the study. Dr George Waring of Emory University in Atlanta, said, "and we cannot say who will heal the best just by looking at the cornea.

Flying high

Bert Rutan, the aeroplane designer whose Voyager aircraft flew around the world without refuelling in 1986. showed off his latest project this week - a military jet that cost little more than £! million to develop. A test model of the Ares, which was dis-played at Mojave Airport, in the Californian desert uses a single turbo-fan engine and is made from composite materials such as granite and epoxy. Possible uses include border patrol and reconnaissance duties or, with a 25mm gun. against helicopters. Rutan also says it could also be armed with air-to-air or air-toground missiles.

Easy money



in the quality of colour photocausing concern about counter-

feiting. A court in The Netherlands recently ordered the withdrawal of a popular magazine, Aktueel, which told readers how to print their own money on colour copiers. The order was sought by the Dutch Central Bank, which argued the article was against the public interest. Pieter de Vries, Aktueel's editor, said the article was intended to show how colour copying machines had made it easy to duplicate money. His reporters found no problems in using the fake cash in stores, he said.

A smooth ride

Tyres which can change their pressure according to the surface of the road are being developed by Lotus Engineering in association with Goodyear. High tyre pressures help increase the mileage per gallon of fuel, but give a harsher ride on uneven surfaces and can reduce grip during cornering. The "active air" system will

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use sensors in each tyre to assess road conditions and a computer processor will then deflate or inflate the tyres from a small air compressor in surgery most the car. They could be widely used to marketed within four years.

Ancient marine

A sample of what is believed to be the Earth's oldest ocean floor has been extracted from the bottom of the Pacific south of Japan. The sample is believed to have come from the middle Jurassic period of 170 million years ago. The age has been determined from the presence of microscopic sea creatures, radioaria, in the

Hamster kev



American scientists say they have identified the part of a hamster's brain that serves as a biological clock

and they believe that daily rhythms of humans appear to be governed by a similar mechanism. The research, at the University of Virginia, involved transplanting the tissue from brains of hamsters with abnormal "clocks", into normal hamsters. researchers say their findings show that biological clocks are regulated by the suprachiasmatic nucleus - a small area deep in the hypothalamus. Michael Menaker, chairman of the university's biology department, said the findings could be used by scientists studying brain tissue trans-

Personal price

A personal computer complete with printer and software went on offer this week for the remarkably low price of £228 (VAT inclusive) from Crown Computer Products (0704 895815). Though now rather a dated computer, the Sanyo MBC 555/2 comes with an Oliveti DM100 printer, the MS DOS 2.1 operating system, as well as the Wordstar word processor and Calcstar software. Crown says it has copiers are bought a job lot of 5,000 computers, and has already sold several hundred to education authorities. Amstrad discovered a huge untapped market for cheap personal computers with its series of word processor computers that, though not the latest technology, sold well several years ago for the then- low price of £399.

Super charge



rechargable battery that supplies almost three times as much power as those on the market. but

which weighs less, has been developed by Sony. The lithium ion battery is expected to be used in portable products that use large quantitites of electricity, such as lap-top computers, video cameras and mobile telephones. Sony Energytec, the Sony subsidiary, has developed the battery.

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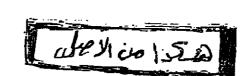
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go on receiving 525-line pictures as

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a ghost cancel reference, GCR,

signal to one line (number 18) of the

clearly defined shape. Conventional receivers ignore it, but Clear Vision

receivers generate a pure pulse internally and compare it with the incoming pulse. The receiver analyses the mis-match and doctors

the incoming picture signal to "remove the ghosts". American

televison stations want to use the

Japanese television stations will

These new Clear Vision receivers

soon experiment with a second

generation system which adds side

will be able to display wide-screen

panels to the transmitted pictures.

The GCR signal is a brief pulse of

if nothing has happened.

Has there been too much hype about high-definition television? It may be outrun by a new extended system before it reaches our homes. Barry Fox reports

television circles of how to improve television pictures has turned from high defi-nition television (HDTV), which promises cinema-quality on pictures in the home, but alternative, improved or extended definition television (EDTV).
The Japanese version of this,

known as Clear Vision, relies on the adoption of new techniques which make the best of the television systems already in use, rather than introducing completely new technology. Europe is observing with

The idea of EDTV is attractive. because it means that owners of existing television sets have no need to change them. Only those who want clearer pictures would need buy a new set.

Although, to their credit, BBC engineers never boast and draw attention to the fact, they developed just such a system 10 years ago for use with satellites

It was called Extended PAL (E-PAL), and built on the PAL colour television system now used throughout most of western Europe. E-PAL was considered by a Government committee chaired by Sir Anthony Part, but, in November 1982, it was rejected in favour of the radically different MAC system developed by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA).

At the time, this seemed a sound decision. MAC offers clearer pictures, digital sound and an upgraded path to wide-screen HDTV. But time has changed the rules of the game. Europe split the MAC standard and, largely because of the split, MAC's intended adoption as a pan-European satellite system has

Last year West Deutsche Rundfunk begun experiments with PAL-Plus. The electronics manufacturer Grundig helped because the West German television set maker believes that PAL will remain important in the next 10 years, and that there is room for an improved PAL system with wide screen and better picture quality. It must, however, be compatible with

There are several technical op-

and black and white signals before

IRT, West Germany's radio research centre (Institut für Rundfunk Technik) wants to transmit separate bursts of colour information, in alternate lines of the television picture. The incoming information is stored in the receiver and spread out over all lines.

The snag is that only half the normal amount of colour signal is being transmitted, so the picture is likely to suffer from untrue colour. The University of Dortmund has gone back to research done by the BBC in 1975 for E-PAL.

The BBC had devised a way of separating the colour and black and white signals with an electrical filter which works in two dimensions time and frequency, instead of the single dimension, frequency, which is normally used in filters.

At the time it was impractical to build the filter, but Dortmund has now put the BBC's theory into practice. Grundig is working on a similar approach.

ii the new PAL systems can transmit signals which give wide-screen pictures on a 16:9 ratio on new wide-screen sets or 4:3 pictures on conventional sets. There is no urgency on this because, despite vague promises of wide-screen television being just around the corner, the cost of a stretched cathode ray tube is still

Grundig estimates that wide screen sets will cost five times as much as similarly sized 4:3 sets for at least five years. Because the widescreen pictures must be able to be viewed on existing sets with 4:3 screens, some viewers will either lose the sides of the picture or see a black letterbox border at the top and bottom of the screen. Since last October, Japanese tele-

vision stations have been broadcasting five hours a day of their programmes in Clear Vision, an extended definition system. For Clear Vision transmission,

the television station uses a 1125line HDTV camera in the studio instead of a conventional 525-line camera. Equipment in the studio



When extended definition television was demonstrated to a small group of western journalists in Japan ntly, our immediate reaction was that if this could be done with the pretty awful 525-line system used in America and Japan, think what could be done with 625-line system used in

It also raised the question of whether anyone would need full-blown high definition television in the home. The enhanced definition pictures, on large-screen domestic television sets, were very bright and clear; the best broadcast pictures I have seen on a home receiver.

The complete absence of ghosting in the picture, thanks to the new ghost cancellation circuits, contributed to the illusion of clarity. Most television sets suffer from some ghosting when receiving pro-grammes from terrestrial transmitters, which explains why satellite transmissions can look clearer.

scores over HDTV because the pictures are brighter. To display the fine detail in an HDTV picture, the electron beam in the cathode ray tube of an HDTV set must be very finely focused. This means it cannot carry the energy needed to produce pic-tures as bright as we expect from

The recent demonstrations of the Japanese Clear Vision sets and the private showings of prototype extended definition PAL systems, given in Europe, leave me in no doubt that HDTV in the home would be expensive overkill.

The one remaining benefit of HDTV for the home would be the wide screen ratio, which is a standard feeture of the system. But if en-gineers can devise ways of transmit-ting wide-screen programmes on 625-line systems, giving viewers that choice of watching in either old or new ratio, then the attraction of HDTV in the home must surely pale. in the home must surely pale.

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Information's call to women

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Women are needed to fill information

technology's depleted ranks

tion Technology Foundation will be launched today as part of a plan to increase the number of women in an industry facing a severe shortage of experienced Women make up less than a

quarter of information tech-nology staff employed in the private sector, and they occupy far fewer senior positions than their male counterparts. Less their male counterparts. Less than 10 per cent of computing undergraduates are women. Companies realise they

need to change the image of the industry and their em-ployee policies to correct the imbalance. The civil service also has only a small number of women nology at a senior level. The

Government's Central Com-puter and Telecommunica-tions Agency (CCTA) says 30 per cent of programmers em-ployed by Government departets are women. Only 14 per

cent of senior positions are filled by women, however.

The recruitment programme began last year with a study into industry support for a campaign to help women in hi-Companies, including Brit-

ish Petroleum, Hewlett-Packard, the Post Office and ICL, have pledged financial support totalling almost half a million pounds for the foundation in its first year. The Department of Trade and contribute up to £440,000 over three years. "The response from in-

dustry has been very positive and we are working closely with educational establishments," Penny Tatt, chairman of the foundation's council of directors, says."The campaign will run for the next three years at least." Working parties are study-ing and implementing cam-

paigns directed at schoolgirls, graduates and women returning to the work-force.

One group examining recruitment methods says many employers using information technology are information technology are important to technology are wedded to restrictive selection methods". Company training for example, is set ap almost exclusively for people under 25 and with no family

Companies using informa-tion technology, including BP, British Telecom, Digital Equipment and IBM, have improved their links with schools by giving lectures, donating equipment and inviting students to work alongside a professional for short periods.

ware Engineering Update (WISE-UP) course, aimed at en who have taken 2 break from their career, began in January at Reading

ready shown that women will work in the industry if they are encouraged. ICL bas em ployed a largely female staff, working from home, for 20 years. Other companies are beginning to offer similar options. The FI Group was established to exploit this opportunity and is now a £20 million concern.

ICL has also introduced a career break scheme of up to two years for all employed condition of the scheme is that the employee be available for at least four weeks each year and for training in every break

Information technology anies are also offering child care facilities for parents, following the lead of several banks and insurance centre in Reading, Berkshire, recently, and other companie say they are consider ting up similar facilities. However a report published by the Management claims less than 3 per cent of private sector employers provide child care assistance for their employees.

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New look for an ancient land

Andalusia, steeped in history and tradition, has begun a wide-ranging modernization plan as it prepares to

anniversary of Columbus's discovery

celebrate Expo '92 and the 500th

of America. Peter Strafford reports

the past'

ndalusia has long had a distinctive and colourful image as the land of flamenco and bull-fighting, coupled with a reputation for backwardness. The relics of a distant past — the Alhambra in Granada, the huge cathedral of Seville - have loomed larger than the achievements of the present.

The main contribution of the region to contemporary life has been the glittering, and sometimes seedy, tourist resorts along the Costa del Sol.

A concentrated effort is being made to change this picture. Expo '92, a world fair, or "universal exhibition", which will bring together at least 103 countries from around the globe, as well as international organizations and multinational companies, will be

held in Seville in 1992, and it is 'Its character is being made the focus for an extenbaroque: not sive modernizalinear and tion plan. The Spanish governdirect, but ment intends to spend more than sinuous, a mix £4 billion on the of elements improvement of communications and stamped by both to the region and within it. A high-speed train link is to be cre-

ated between Seville and Madrid, a network of motorways is being built, and airports are being extended, all with the aim of launching the region into a more prosperous future.

The year 1992 will be an

important one for the European Community as a whole, as the culmination of the programme to create a single market. But for Spain it will be particularly signifi-cant as the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World.

Expo '92 will open on April 20, 1992, and will close on October 12, five hundred years to the day from the first sighting of land by Columbus.

The hope is that it will shed a favourable light on the new, democratic Spain, and on Andalusia, where Columbus's voyage began - from the port of Palos, on the Atlantic coast - and that it will also provide a new impetus to the region's economy, helping it to catch up with more prosperous

areas further north. For the moment it means that Andalusia is covered with building sites, as roads are driven across mountain and plain, and renovation is carried out in the cities. But officials talk confidently of having everything ready on the day, and they claim that there have already

been results. José Luis Ballester, secretary general of the office of the commissioner general for Expo

'92, says that whereas provisional figures for 1989 show the Spanish economy as a whole growing by 5 per cent, that of Andalusia grew by 6.2 per cent, and metropolitan Seville by no less than 8.9 per cent. Andalusia, as one of Spain's poorest re-

gions, is starting from a low base, he concedes. But he says that if present rates of growth are maintained until 1992 it will catch up with the country's most developed regions, and that by making use of the facilities created for Expo '92 it will be able to maintain that level of development.

The exhibition will not be a oneoff affair. After it is over, the site will become a centre for research and development, partly occupied by faculties of the University of Seville and partly by multinational companies that have committed themselves to remaining. The intention is that it should



A fine blend of tradition and beauty: the Lady Tower in the Partal gardens of the Albambra in Granada

serve as a further stimulus to

What is happening is that like Catalonia, whose capital, Barcelona, will be host of the 1992 Olympic Games, Andalusia is using Expo '92 as a spur to carry out development work that would in any case be needed but wouldotherwise not be done so soon.

The hope is that it can wipe out the stigma of backwardness, and recover something of the prosperity that it knew in the 16th century, when galleons from the Americas used to put in at Seville.

There is still some way to go. But since 1982, Andalusia, like other regions of Spain, has had autonomous status and its own regional government, the Junta, controlled since it began by the Socialist Party.

This has given it greater control over its affairs, and while Spain as a whole has had fast economic growth. Andalusian rates have been higher than the average. In recent years tourism has

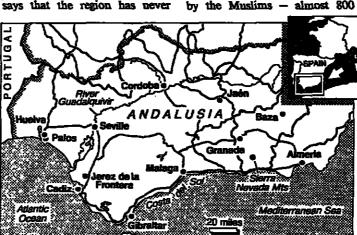
become the main contributor to the regional economy. But agriculture, long the mainstay of the region, remains important, and there has also been a significant

helped by foreign investment. Unemployment continues to be high, particularly among unskilled workers. But emigration, in the past a bane of Andalusian life, has

largely ended. Unlike Catalonia and the Basque country, Andalusia has virtually no separatist movement. It has a small nationalist party, the Partido Andalucista, but Alejandro Rojas Marcos, its founder,

increase in the industrial sector, known the "temptation" of separatism. The party's aim is not independence, but a greater degree of autonomy. Rojas Marcos says, however,

that although it no longer has its own language, Andalusia has as distinctive a character as any region of Spain; and there is no doubt that it has been strongly marked by its long history, and in particular the long period during which it was occupied and ruled by the Muslims - almost 800



the surrounding areas. There is an easy-going pace to life in Andalusia, together with a

taste for intrigue. Jaime Montaner, a former architect who is the councillor responsible for public works in the regional government, describes the Andalusian character as baroque: like baroque architecture, he says, it is not linear and direct, but sinuous, consisting of a mix of different elements and stamped by the past.

The region has certainly made its mark on contemporary Spanish politics. Felipe Gonzalez, the Socialist prime minister, comes from Seville, and so do many of his closest colleagues.

The Socialist Party, with its moderate, social-democratic poli-cies, was largely created in Andalusia, in the period before and after the death of General Franco in 1975, and the region is one of its strongholds.

he party is now con-fronted with a scandal, however, centring on Andalusia and the activities of Juan Guerra, brother of Alfonso Guerra, the deputy prime minister.

Juan Guerra, who held no official position, had the use of a Spanish government office in Seville, and is alleged to have exerted undue influence to amass an enormous fortune in property, turning him from an unemployed book salesman into a multimillionaire.

The affair has already had repercussions in Madrid, because Alfonso Guerra is regarded as one of the most powerful people in the Socialist Party, exercising great influence behind the scenes.

He made a statement in parliament, which did not convince his critics. However, González felt bound to support him by saying that if Guerra was forced out he too would resign.

The question now posed is whether the Juan Guerra case is an isolated one, as the Socialist Party maintains, or is part of a wider web of corruption.

In Andalusia, where there is to be a regional election in June, the Socialists are under attack from the conservatives of the Partido Popular, the communists of Izquierda Unida, and the Partido Andalucista.

At issue is whether they will retain the overall majority that they have had until now.

Britain's original flair for Expo

Britain's contribution to Expo '92 is to have as its theme 'Original Britain'. The British pavilion, which has been designed by Nicholas Grimshaw, with Ove Arup & Partners as consulting engineers, is intended to project the image of an inno-vatory nation, and to compete for the attention of visitors with those of the 102 or more other countries taking part (Peter Strafford

It will be one of the biggest, and will stand next door to the West German pavilion - or possibly that of a united Germany if German reunification has taken place by then.

The two of them will be at one end of the European Boulevard, where all the members of the European Community will be grouped. The large Spanish pavil-ion will be at the other end.

No decisions have been taken yet by the Department of Trade and Industry on the displays in the interior of the pavilion. But the Government has decided that Britain should take a high profile at Expo '92, and the displays can be expected to concentrate on British inventiveness in a wide range of areas - among them technology, engineering, design, fashion, music, the media, and culture in general.

The pavilion is described as "a modern Crystal Palace". It will be rectangular in shape and made of glass and steel. It will be the height of a six-storey building, and will have a "wall of water" the length of its façade, with water renning down curved glass.

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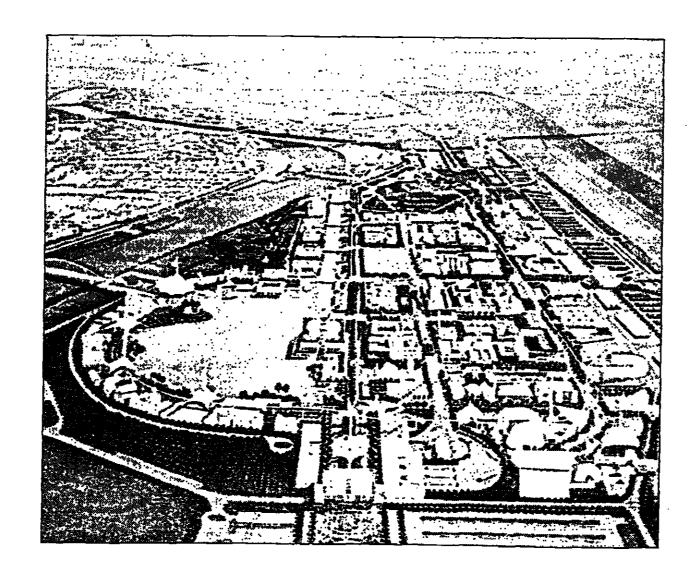
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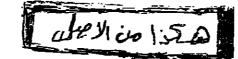




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Big money for the switch to industry

Economic growth in Andalusia is the fastest in Spain, Jane Monahan writes. Tourism has been

for Exp a big factor, but manufacturing is now improving

arge estates — the that of Spain as a whole. This picked up, and last year's latifundios — and is all the more spectacular figures showed a continuing still exist side by side in Andalusia. The region has one of Spain's highest rates of unemployment and of illiteracy. Yet at no time this century have there been so many opportunities for Andalusia to achieve economic progress.

The most publicized is Expo '92, Seville's international fair, which is attracting all sorts of investment - at least to Seville, the region's capital. But Expo '92 alone will not raise the average yearly in-come of Andalusia's seven million inhabitants, now £4,700, to average European Community, or even northern Spanish, standards. Nor will it bridge the growing divisions within the region.

Tourism is concentrated on the coast, particularly the Costa del Sol. The coast also has the most competitive farming areas, able to take advantage of the Community's markets. The interior is more backward.

However, Salvador Durbán, the regional governthe fair is only one development, and not the most ments in infrastructure. important one, of those that will help Andalusia to move from an economy based on that is more industrialized and technologically advanced.

since 1983 Andalusia's econ- 1970s. That has stopped reomy has grown faster than cently as the economy has

gross inequalities because since 1986 Spain's economy has itself grown faster than that of any other Community country.

Andalusia's growth has been across all areas. In recent years, services, almost exclusively in tourism, have grown fastest, accounting now for 60 per cent of regional income. Though the share of agriculture and fisheries has been declining since 1986, now representing 12.5 per cent of the total, production has increased even in those areas.

At the same time industry is becoming more diversified. It includes shipbuilding car components and aeronautics factories in Cadiz, an aeroplane assembly plant in Seville, an incipient foodprocessing industry, surprisingly neglected in the past, and shoes, leather, textiles, ceramics and furniture.

Industry produced 20 per cent of the income in 1989. It still has a long way to go, however, before it reaches 30 per cent of gross national product, the average in Community countries. Conment's secretary general in struction accounts for 7.5 per charge of the economy, says cent and is also growing, mainly thanks to state invest-

One long-standing problems is unemployment, illustrated by the two million agriculture and tourism to one Andalusians who migrated to northern Spain and the rest of Europe to seek work between It is striking, he says, that the late 1950s and the early

improvement - 16.7 per cent more employed in construction and 7.8 per cent more in tourism during the first nine months than in the corres-

ponding nine months of 1988. But most of these jobs were temporary or part-time, while in industry, where most fulltime, long-term jobs are created, employment grew by only 3.5 per cent. Although unemployment fell by 6 per cent in the three years to the end of 1989, it is still 26 per cent, 10 percentage points above the national average.

he comparatively small number of long-term jobs being created in industry is one obstacle to overcoming unemployment Another is that Andalusia's unemployment is most pronounced among people with little professional training. A typical outlet, for unemployed males, is temporary construc-

By contrast, Andalusia has a shortage of skilled construction workers. A further factor is that the region's population is growing at the fast annual rate of 6 per cent.

Officials in Madrid and Seville, however, are confident the region will sustain growth above the national average until 1993, and that between now and then 450,000 new jobs - though most of them temporary will be created, primarily



huge total of 2.4 trillion pesetas (£13.7 billion), 30 per billion pesetas, 30 per cent of cent of the 1989-93 regional development plan funds, is allocated to Andalusia by the Madrid government - many of whose members, including Felipe González, the prime minister, were born in Andalusia - and by the region's autonomous government.

For its part, the European

all its structural funds for Spain, to Andalusia in 1986-89, the country's first three years of Community membership. It was the biggest alloca-tion for any Spanish region.

One target for the investment is communications. The Community, for instance, is contributing 19.5 billion of the 40 billion pesetas needed for a motorway travelling east from

Seville to Baza and linking up with another motorway that will eventually run the entire length of Spain's eastern Mediterranean coast to Jaén, Andalusia's poorest province. The Community is also

trying to provide young Andalusians with a professional training, and to retrain the older unemployed in skills that can be used locally. The Andalusian govern-

ment hopes to attract investment for research into advanced technology projects such as robotics, computer software and biotechnology. A new science park, covering 860 acres and costing nine billion pesetas, is being prepared near Malaga.

One of the most encouraging developments, Durbán says, is that Andalusian businessmen are investing in nents and tourism.

these other producers are allowed to use the name of sherry, which derives from Jerez. But they are fighting back. They already have markets in The Netherlands and West Germany, and are looking for new outlets in France, Japan and the United States. They draw confidence from a renewed interest among the British in such specialist sherries as fino and manzanilla, with their fine bone-dry qualities; and from the comeback being made by first-class specialist sweet sherries. The demand for first-class sherry is there among discerning drinkers. Producers and importers are aiming to revive their market and restore sherry's image by concentrating on the quality sector.

new plant and creating new companies - they have always been reluctant to invest in their own region.

By contrast, since 1986 Andalusia has received more direct foreign investment than any other part of Spain, except Madrid and Catalonia. It has been put into sectors ranging from food-processing to insurance, textiles, car compo-

New deals for farmers, and their workers

ndalusia accounts for a fourth of Spain's farm L output, and long used to be a byword for its underexploited estates, absentee provable", and that has dis-rural spare labour to work in landlords and militant farm labourers' unions (Jane Monahan writes). But changes are taking place as a result of government reforms and the opportunities offered by Spanish membership of the European Community.

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An agrarian reform law was and hunger strikes. One reason adopted in 1982 allowing the is the treatment of unstate to expropriate farms employed farm labourers. The found to be "manifestly im- Franco system, which put couraged under-exploitation. At the same time there has been far less of the kind of social unrest that was led by the radical day-labourers' union (SOC) in the early 1980s, such as "symbolic" land occupations, marches

mainly redundant - and often felt to be demeaning - tasks, such as ditch-clearing and hedge-clipping, has been scrapped. Farm workers are now entitled to much the same sort of unemployment welfare, medical assistance, youth training schemes and pensions as the urban work-force.

for land redistribution has also been blunted by the creation of 130 agricultural cooperatives in the region since Spain joined the EC. And farmers have been encouraged

to invest more in their land. Small wonder, then, that productivity has greatly improved, and that farms are increasingly mechanized even those that grow labour-

intensive crops such as cotton. The traditional crops are olives - 80 per cent of Spain's olive oil comes from the region - cereals for human consumption, a third of Spain's total output, and wine grapes. These are still fundamental, but their importance is declining. One reason is the Community's olive oil and wine surpluses, so that 2.4 million acres of vines are to be replaced with other crops, and olive oil production cut.

ore intensive farming, especially of live-LV stock and horticulture, is now being promoted, to help make the region selfsufficient in livestock products and able to export such products as artichokes and

asparagus.

Another change is that in three years Andalusia has switched almost completely from short-grain to long-grain rice, imported until now by the Community from India.

But the most successful example of intensive farming is the development of hothouse vegetable and fruit production on the coast. This "economic miracle" began in Almeria in the 1960s, and now huge areas of Granada and Malaga are also under plastic. Sheltered by mountains from northerly winds, these areas provide almost subtropical conditions.

The farms are mainly small family holdings, though there are also co-operatives. Their products include early tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, green beans, lettuces, strawbernes and melons. The farms have also developed exotic fruits - mangoes, custardapples and mediars - along with flowers, mainly carnations, and avocado pears.

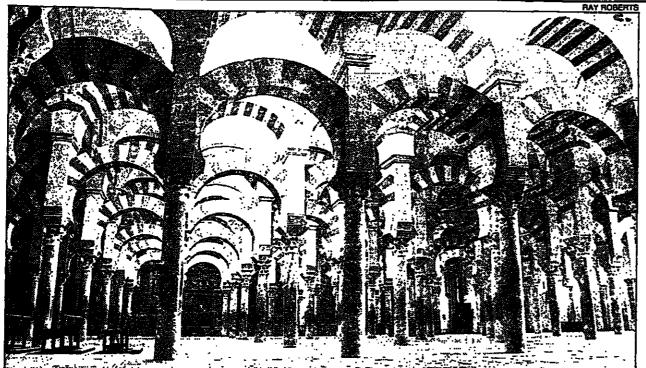
The experiment has become one of Spain's most dynamic economic sectors. The snag is that the sinking of wells for water to irrigate the new larms has caused a serious fall in the water table. This and the intrusion of salt water have led the regional government to adopt measures to avent serious water shortages.

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The peoples who left their treasures behind

pare to celebrate the 500th anniversary of their annus mirabilis, 1492, when Christopher Columbus discovered the New World, there are two events of that year to which they are not drawing attention. One is the defeat of the last Muslim kingdom in Spain, Granada, which completed the reconquest of the Iberian peninsula. The other is the

expulsion of the Jews. There are obvious dipomatic reasons in both cases. But at the same time it is now recognized that both peoples made a significant contribution to the development of Spain, helping to give it its distinct identity, and that they should themselves be commemorated. That applies especially in Andalusia, where their influence was greatest.

The Muslims crossed the Strait of Gibraltar in 711, and quickly occupied most of the Iberian peninsula, which they called Al-Andalus. They were a mixed force, under Arab leadership, but also including Syrians, Berbers and Moors. Though their power declined over the centuries, they re-mained in Andalusia for nearly 800 years, and their influence on Spanish art and architecture continued long

after the fall of Granada. The Jews, too, were an important community in the years before 1492, not least in the heyday of Muslim Cordoba. Cordoba still has its

The Muslims and the Jews also figured in 1492. Peter Strafford

describes their rich legacy

Jewish districts that are now an attractive maze of narrow winding streets, running between white-painted houses with ironwork balconies.

The Muslim presence is illustrated by the remarkable monuments that remain, chiefly in Cordoba, Seville and Granada. They date from different periods in the long occupation, and illustrate the vicissitudes through which the various Muslim rulers passed. The first centre of Arab rule

in Al-Andalus was Cordoba. In 756 Abd al-Rahman I, the last survivor of the Umayyad dynasty of Damascus, established an independent emirate with its capital there, and Cordoba became an important political and cultural centre, which outshone anywhere else in Western Europe. Its ruler took the title of caliph That is the period of the

great mosque of Cordoba, with its forest of pillars, its red and white horseshoe-shaped arches, and its glittering mihrab, marking the direction of Mecca. After the later recapture of Cordoba by the Christians a cathedral was built in the middle of it, but the grandeur of the mosque, built in different phases from ries, can still be appreciated. Rule from Cordoba col-lapsed in 1031. This led to a lintering of Muslim power in Spain and to two further incursions from Muslim Africa, by the Almoravids in 1086-1090, and the Almohads in 1146. Muslim Spain became in turn a province of

their respective empires.

he Giralda in Seville, now the bell tower of the cathedral and the dominant landmark of the city, dates from the Almohad period - as does the Gold Tower by the river, once part of the fortifications. The Giralda is now topped by a 16th-century belfry, but it was originally the minaret of the Almohad mosque, and the main shaft's austere but delicate decoration is similar to those of contemporary mina-

rets in North Africa. The final phase of Muslim rule began in the middle of the 13th century, when the Christians had reconquered most of Spain, including Cordoba and Seville, but the Muslim kingdom of Granada, ruled by the Nasrid dynasty, remained. It survived for two and a half centuries, and its monument is the Alhambra, the fortress the eighth to the 10th centu- and palace that was largely

Its outer walls are powerful, but it gives the impression that the Nasrids, no longer a dominant military power in Spain, were more interested in the enjoyment of art and

leisure pursuits. The Alhambra, like the Generalife on a neighbouring hillside, is an exquisitely designed palace of courtyards. fountains and gardens, and is one of the greatest achievements of Islamic architecture. Muslim influence made it-

self felt in the much less sophisticated Christian kingdoms. In the 14th century. when Peter the Cruel, the Christian King of Castile, wanted to build a palace in the old fortress, or alcazar, of Seville, he turned not to Christian models, but to those of the Muslims of Granada.

His palace is comparable in style to the Alhambra, with similar decoration in its delicately proportioned rooms and courtyards, and even invocations in Arabic script to Allah, Much of the palace was designed by Muslims, and the style, known as mudejar, or the work of Muslims working to Christian orders, long continued to be a feature of architecture in Spain.

There is a striking example in the Casa de Pilatos in Seville, a grandiose townhouse, which was built in mudejar style in 1540 and

Centuries of discovery

Seville will be host to the biggest ever world exhibition. constructed on a

man-made island

xpo '92, the world fair to be held in Seville in 1992, has been timed to coincide with the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World (Peter Strafford writes). Its organizers have chosen "The Age of Discovery" as its theme, and that will be interpreted in their various

organizations taking part. There will be a record number of participants. So far, 103 countries have signed up and will have pavilions of their own. The number is well above the figures for the three previous exhibitions of this kind: Osaka in 1970 (77), Montreal in 1967 (62), and Brussels in 1958 (52).

In addition, 19 international organizations, including the European Community, and about 20 multinational corporations will take part; and every one of Spain's 17 autonomous regions will have its pavilion.

For the moment, much of the exhibition area looks like little more than a building site. But that is deceptive, because work began in January 1987 and since then progress has been made on the huge task of providing roads, electrical power, plumbing, wiring, landscaping, and all the facilities needed to cater for the exhibition pavilions - and the expected 18 million visitors.

The foundations have been laid for the lake and canal, the monastery had been aban-



Symbol of 1492: the monastery where Columbus's family stayed stands on the exhibition site

which will be one of the main doned, its buildings were navigation, discoveries, and features of the exhibition. New groves of transplanted palm trees are already in place, a small proportion of the 15,000 trees that are being brought on to the site to provide shade and colour.

The site is a convenient one, a man-made island within walking distance of the centre of Seville, which had almost no buildings on it until 1987. Known as La Cartuja, it was formed in 1975, when, in order to put an end to the flooding of low-lying Seville by the Guadalquivir River, a new river bed was dug further to the west. La Cartuja lies between the old and the new

arms of the river. But it also has symbolic significance. La Cartuja means Carthusian, and on it there are the surviving buildings of a 15th-century Carthusian monastery, Santa Maria de las Cuevas, where Columbus often stayed, and where he and other members of his family were buried - though Columbus's own remains were later removed.

More recently, in 1839, after

trialist, Charles Pickman, who built a pottery in them. As a result there is a striking contrast between the tall kilns of the pottery and the monastery chapel with its mudejar, or

Muslim, style. ut Pickman was highly thought of by the Span-ish authorities of the day, who created him Marques de Pickman, and the pottery is seen as symbolic of the industrial revolution. So while the monastery is being extensively restored, and will be used by King Juan Carlos as the site for his own personal pavilion, the kilns will remain

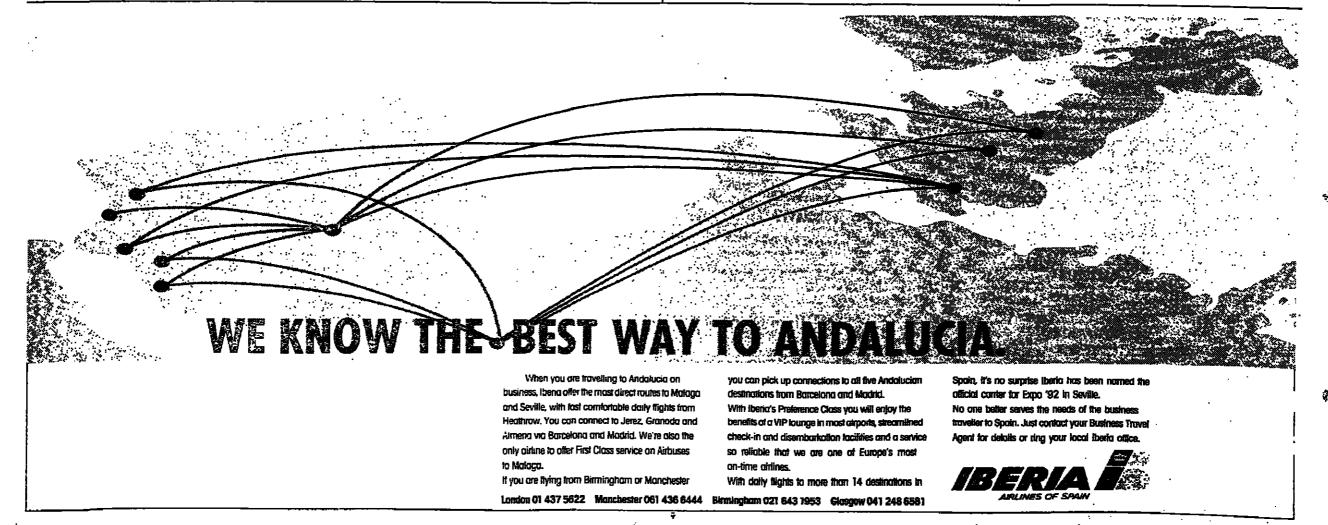
in the background. Expo '92 will be open from April 20 to October 12, 1992. Planning is based on the expectation that many of the visitors will come more than once, making a total of 37 million visits. They will be able to see not just the pavilions put up by the various countries and organizations taking part, but exhibitions on single themes put up by the Spanish organizers, on such topics as

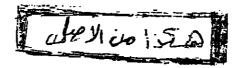
will bring visitors across the river to the exhibition and a monorail will take them round it Fountains and vegetation are being used in an effort to reduce the effect of the heat.

Once the exhibition is over, the site will remain active as a centre for research and devclopment. It will mean that Seville, which until now has tended to expand to the east, away from the Guadalquivir, will spread across the river to the west. Two new bridges have already been built, and seven new ones are planned.

The overall cost, of course, is formidable. But while the public authorities will pay for the main communications projects across Andalusia, the calculation is that Expo '92 will pay for itself.

There will be income from ticket sales, and rent for the buildings after 1992. But about 40 per cent of the cost is expected to be covered by sponsorship and other such arrangements, and the organizers speak confidently of raising a record sum for an occasion of this sort.





An appeal

chairman

leading by

example

By Alix Ramsay

Where would we all be without friends? In Graham Cliffe's case, he certainly would not be taking part in the ADT London Morather as one of the

Marathon as one of the rumers backed by The Times and

Unisys.

Six years ago he met Trever Holkinson, headsnaster of the Holly Bank School for mentally and physically disabled children and just over a year ago this friendship led to Cliffe becoming the chairman of the Holly Bank Appeal — set up to raise £1.5 million to finance the move to new premises in Mirfield. He also found himself volunteering to raise £10.000 by remone in

"About two or three months ago I thought I eaght to improve

ADT London

Marathon Appeal

sedentary job. Then, in January, I saw the article in *The Times* and, in a fit of enthusiasm, I said I would run the marathen."

So now he pounds the high-ways and byways of Huddens-field. "I've never ran a marathon before," Cliffe said. "I'm being

red on the basis that I ge

Marathon debut to help handicapped children

Elliott's European campaign overrides assault on records

Peter Efficit is preparing himelf for a busy summer. He will start it by experimenting at 3,000 metres and climax it. he hopes, by winning the European championship at 1,500 metres. In between there are world-record attempts at 1,500 metres and the mile to ensure that he will not see too much of Rotherham, where he lives. The events of the past month have not so much am crossing my fingers that it drained his energies as fed will continue throughout the

Elliott's world indoor 1,500 metres record, his first world record of any description, in Seville on Tuesday evening, came within four weeks of his

Came within four weeks of his first international champ- more than a second, Elliott ionship gold medal, over the cleared the confusion sursame distance at the Com-rounding it. The record, monwealth Games. "I am according to the International going to attempt 1,500 metres Amateur Athletic Federation and mile records at some (IAAF), was 3min 35.6sec. point in this summer, but I am Statisticians argued, however, not going to jeopardize my that the record should have going to attempt 1,500 metres main aim, the European been 3min 35.4sec because championships, by racing too that was the time O'Sullivan much or chasing the world ran in 1988 before the slower

There remains a 1,500 me- accept the 1988 time because tres vacancy on the British there was only one stopwatch team for the European indoor on it, but the same circumchampionships, at the Kelvin stances prevailed when O'Sul-Hall, Glasgow, this weekend, livan ran a faster time 12 but Elliott has said all along that his winter season would Elliott recorded 3min end in Seville. In an extraor- 34.21sec. His pacemaker, Ken dinary run of success, he has Washington, took him won 15 successive races, in- through 800 metres in 1min doors, outdoors and on cross 54.8sec. "I was hoping that he

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country. "This was my last indoor race of the season and would take me to 1,000 metres but he was tiring, so I had to go it alone from 800 metres," it was the perfect way to end it," he said. Elliott said. When Elliott at-tempted to improve Eamonn "It was my first world record and, hopefully, it will be the first of a few. It was only Coghlan's world mile record in New Jersey three weeks ago, he reached 800 metres in 1 min an indoor record and I will be more excited if I can break the 53sec; the more even pace this

world 1,500 or mile record time secured the accomp outdoors this summer. Every-Since the Commonwealth thing has gone well so far and I Games in Auckland, Elliott has raced indoors in New mer." He intends to start Jersey, Los Angeles, Glasgow the season with the 3,000 metres at the United Kingdom Stockholm and Seville. In between he has been to work. One of the few elite British athletes who holds down a job, he does a 4½-hour day at a Rotherham steel plant. "I can't stand talking about running all the time," he said.

Time off this summer, will

Time off this summer will be no problem. He has an understanding employer: three years ago Elliott was offered a year off with pay to prepare for the Olympics but turned it down. He would not be able to face his mates, he one in 1989. The IAAF did not said if he failed

Charlie Spedding has with-drawn from this year's ADT London Marathon. Spedding, aged 37, who won the race in 1984, the same year he took the Olympic bronze medal, has been plagued by Achilles tendon problems and has been unable to complete a marathon since finishing sixth in the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

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Holly Bank School caters for 25 resident pupils and 12 day pupils and the move to a new building towards the end of next mosth will mean it can increase its capacity by 50 per cent.
"Some of the children are very bright intellectually but they're very disabled physically," Cliffe said.

said.
Northern personalities, including Lerd Wilson of Rievank, Jack Charlton and Bill Owen, are vice-presidents of the appeal and Cliffe is equally well-organized in obtaining

It all seems a little daunting for a novice, who admits his greatest sporting achievement district as a schoolboy footbalker — is in the dim and

"I think the marathon de-pends on how you approach it," Cliffe said. "A friend of mine set himself the target of 3½ hours. On the day be got carried away



Graham Cliffe: Will encounter the pain barrier this weekend

enjoy it as much as I can and get featuring the efforts of our 12 of pain, that point where the body tells the brain that it would much rather be at home with its feet up — that delight still awaits Cliffe. "So far the furthest I have run is 15 miles, but in the next month I will step up to 18 schedule, the wall of pain comes day.

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Welsh accession is bedevilled by hint of uncertainty

Comprehensive wins by the London-based UTC Cannons and Lambs Club, both former champions, has made the lead enjoyed by Leekes Welsh Wizards in the Pimm's Premier

While the Wizards were restmile the wizards were res-ing on 69 points, after running their grand prix tournament at Cardiff last week. Cannons forcood their way back into possible contention by defeating GT Superkings Abbeydale 5-0 at Sheffield to reach 62 points, with 14 points still attamable if similar results could be achieved against Lambs and Embassy Edgbaston Priory. Lambs, the defending cham-

pions, sacrificed any chance of retaining their title when Chris Dittmar, their Australian first string, unexpectedly returned home for several weeks. They still hold some of the keys to the

With Dittmar back at the belm this week, Lambs dis-missed Allsports Northern 5-0 in very short order. Similar performance in what has now become a significant London derby at Cannons Club on March 13, and against Wizards on March 20, could open the title door for Village Leisure Hotels, who have 66 points with one fixture against Abbeydale remaining.

The Cardiff squad returns to action, also against Abbeydale, on March 13 but even a comprehensive home wing would guarantee them only a count-back should Cannons take maximum points from their two remaining matches against Lambs and Embassy Edgbaston

Camors may call up the British champion, Del Harris, to strengthen them at second string in the squad to meet Lambs, which would bring him into conflict with Bryan Beeson, the England captain.

Determine would meet Rose

Dittmar would meet Ross
Norman at first string but the
crux of the match might turn
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SWIMMING

Scarborough wins World Cup award

Madeleine Scarborough, who set a British record of 1min 01.33sec to take the bronze dal in the 100 metres butter fly at the recent Commonwealth Games, has won the butterfly category of the World Cup, which ended with the seventh meeting of the season in Leacester last weekend. Scarborough, aged 25, a teacher in Portsmouth, had several victories on the circuit

this year, most notably in Gothenberg, Sweden. It was there that she took pole position in the rankings and, after Leicester, finished on 61 points, 18 clear of Rie Shito of Japan. Superb performances at Leicester from Sharron Davies, ing in the backstroke and in-dividual medley to tenth and twelfth respectively. The most promising of Britain's newcorners to show on the rankings were Lucy Findlay, of Kelly College, Dawn Palmer, of Havering, and Richard Maden,

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Law Report March 1 1990

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Deportation by inspectors unlawful

Child corroboration rule abolished

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment February 27] The repeal in 1988 of the 1933 statutory requirement that a young child's unsworn evidence had to be corroborated by other material evidence, reflected the public's change in attitude to the acceptability of testimony of acceptability of testimony or young children and the increas-ing belief in its being just as reliable as that of their elders when all precautions had been

Whether a young child should be permitted to give evidence was a matter for the trial judge's was a matter for the trial junge's discretion and was still governed by section 38(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, as amended. The discretion was unfettered except that the younger the child the greater the care that had to be aken before admitting the

The Court of Appeal so held when refusing a father's application for leave to appeal aginst conviction for incest at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Pownall, QC and a jury) after a six-day trial at which the complainant, his daughter, then aged six, gave unsworn evidence about events when she was five years old. He was sentenced to eight years imprisonment.
Section 38 provides: "(1)

Where in any proceedings ... any child of tender years called as a witness does not in the opinion of the court understand opinion of the court understand the nature of an oath, his social worker and having seen evidence may be received, the girl that morning and

Welch and Another

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr J A

An industrial tribunal was not

able to say, without hearing evidence and investigating the

to an equitable set-off exceeding any wages that might be found to be due, it had no jurisdiction to hear a claim under the Wages

Act 1986. The Employment Appeal Tri-

bunal so held when allowing an appeal by the employers. New Centurion Trust Ltd, from a

Centurion 1 rost Ltd, non a decision of a London industrial tribunal in January 1989 and remitting for fresh consideration the claims brought by the employees, Mr Paul Welch and Mrs Pauline Welch, under the Wages Act 1986.

Mr Michael MacLaren for the employers; Mr Patrick Elias for

MR JUSTICE WOOD said

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Scouller and Ms Pat Smith

[Judgment February 21]

though not given upon oath, if, in the opinion of the court, he is sed of sufficient intelligence to justify the reception of the evidence, and understands the duty of speaking the

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET: SKY ONE 3-10pm; Live co

FOOTBALL: Eurosport 12-2.80pm; 'Goels': Screensport 4-5 and 7.30-8.30pm; international highlights and foot-

As originally enacted section 38(1) contained a proviso that where evidence admitted by virtue of the section was given on behalf of the prosecution the accused was not liable to be that evidence was corroborated by some other material evidence in support thereof implicating him. That proviso was repealed by section 34(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988.

An order was made under in the court of trial and in the Court of Appeal under section 39 of the 1933 Act to prevent publication of information tending to identify the child. Mr Jamie de Burgos, assigned

by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the applicant; Mr Nigel Sweeney for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the first question that arose at trial was whether the girl should give evidence. In order to determine whether that should be done she was questioned by the judge by way of a video link - as was all the questioning at the trial.

After questioning the girl and hearing submissions the judge stated that, having had the advantage of seeing a video film of her in conversation with a property policy constraint and the same policy constraints.

Equitable set-off claim no bar

to hearing wages case

tant-tays worked; (4) two bank holidays worked; (4) two weeks' outstanding holiday en-titlement; (5) three months' pay

in lieu of notice.

The industrial tribunal did not hear any evidence but were given "an explanation" of what had occurred. It reached the decision that it had jurisdiction under the Wasse Act 1986 to

under the Wages Act 1986 to hear claims (1) and (4) but dismissed claims (2) (3) and (5) for want of jurisdiction.

A cross-appeal by the employ-ees had not been pursued, it being argued on their behalf that

the appropriate course was to remit the whole matter for a

rehearing.
The employers submitted that they had claims exceeding any wages which might be found due

wages which might be found due and that, as a result of an equitable set-off, there would be no wages due and, therefore, no sum due for wages from which

any deduction could be made. In Sim v Rotherham Metro-

politan Borough Council ([1986] ICR 897) Mr Justice Scott

New Centurion Trust Ltd v half-days worked; (3) outstand-

that the employees' claims fell reviewed all the earlier authori-under five heads: (1) outstand- ties which indicated that an

ing salary; (2) outstanding payments owed in respect of normal
against wages due.

mestioning her be had "come to the easy conclusion that it would not be appropriate for her to take the oath

However, the judge contin-ued, she seemed to be a perfectly intelligent girl and able to give her account of events and seemed sufficiently intelligent to justify receiving her evidence

Mr de Burgos's first sub-mission was that the judge was wrong in concluding that the girl should give evidence.

should give evidence.

His Lordship said that, so far as allowing a child to give evidence was concerned, the situation was governed by section 38(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933. Section 38(1), as amended, was the basis for the court's determination in such circumstances. ination in such circumstances.

The question in each case which the court had to decide was whether the child was possessed of sufficient intelligence to justify the reception of the evidence and understood the

duty of speaking the truth.

Those criteria would, inevitably, vary widely from child to child and might vary according to the nature of the case and of the evidence which the child was called on to give. Obviously, the younger the child the more care the judge had to take before he allowed the evidence to be received, but the statute laid down no mini-mum age and the matter, accordingly, remained in the discretion of the judge in each

It might be very rarely that a child aged five would satisfy the requirements of section 38(1)

The employers submitted that

it was, therefore, sufficient for an employer to indicate that

there was a substantial counter-

claim for the tribunal to be deprived of jurisdiction.

The appeal tribunal could not accept that submission. The principles on which an equitable set-off could be effective in a

claim for wages were severely limited and would seem to

depend on a careful analysis of the nature of the breach relative to the nature of the contractual

Apart from issues of time

limits, the occasions on which a

tribunal would be able to say that it had no jurisdiction to

hear a claim under the Wages Act 1986 without bearing evi-dence and investigating the

In the present case it was essential that evidence should

be heard and the situation analysed so as to establish whether the employees could prove the essentials of their case

and whether there had been

deductions about which the tribunal could properly

Bower, Pattinson & Brewer.

Solicitors: Bower Cotton &

circumstances would be rare.

but, nevertheless, the discretion remained to be exercised judicially according to the well Okadebinde

As Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, said in R v Wallwork ((1958) 42 Cr App R 153, 160), a case of incest: ... The jury could not attach any value to the evidence of a child of five ... But in any circumstances to call a little child of the age of five seems to us to be most un-desirable, and I hope it will not occur again."

knows criteria.

In R v Wright ((1987) 90 Cr App R 91) — a case of kidnapping — the judgment of the court was given by Mr Justice Ognall, who said (at p94) that Lord Goddard's dictum was nearly 30 years old and, so far as their Lordships were aware, the validity of, and good sense behind that proposition had remained untrammelled in the practice of the criminal

Mr Justice Ognall went on to state that, in their Lordships' view, it had to require quite exceptional circumstances to justify the reception of evidence from a child aged six and that it would be a bold tribunal that did not heed the lesson that difficulties had flowed from the fact that the complainant in Wright was a child of extremely tender years.

Despite those observations. the words of section 38(1) were still the words to which the court had to pay attention and still remained a matter for the

judge's discretion.
The Wallwork decision had, to some extent, been overtaken by events. Lord Goddard had been concerned about the pos-ition of the child in court. He referred to the court' having been cleared so far as it could be cleared. That particular problem had, to a great extent, been cured by the system of

video links. More recent developments were exemplified by the very fact that the proviso to section 38(1) of the 1933 Act had been repealed by the 1988 Act. Also, Wright was decided before the

Wright was decided before the repealing provision of 1988 came into force.

The repealing of that proviso indicated a change of attitude by Parliament, reflecting in turn a change by the public in general to the acceptability of the evidence of young children and the increasing belief that the testimony of young children, when all precautions had been taken, was just as reliable as that of their elders. For those reasons their Lord-ships would be reluctant in any way to fetter the discretion of

way to letter the discretion of the judge, save to say that the younger the child the greater the care that had to be taken before admitting the evidence. Mr de Burgos's submissions on the first point failed, as also did his submissions on two other points. The application for leave to appeal against convic-

tion was refused. Solicitors: CPS, Central

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Alexander Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Instice Pill [Judgment February 21]

Immigration inspectors were not entitled to take decisions on alf of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to deport persons who had entered the United Kingdom lawfully but were alleged subsequently to have broken the rules governing their stay.

It was not the intention of Parliament in the Immigration Act 1971 to allow the secretary of state to delegate the decision to deport to an immigration

The implication that statutory powers given to the secretary of state could be exercised under his authority by responsible officials of his department did not arise where it was clear from the wording and context of the statute that Parliament's intention was that it would not arise. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in a a reserved judgment quashing de-cisions by immigration inspec-tors to deport Shamusideen Oladehinde and Julius

Mr Ian Macdonald, QC and Mr Richard Scannell for Mr Olsdehinde; Mr Nicholas Blake

In re W (a Minor)

The powers and duties of a voluntary adoption society were analogous with those of a local authority under the child care

interfere with the decision of an requirements and provisions Parliament had regulated the adoption process and the principles stated in A v Liverpool City Council ([1982] AC 363) and in In re W (a Minor) (Wardship: Jurisdiction) ([1985] AC 791) applied.

delivered into the actual custody of any person in persuance of agrangements made by an adop-

Regina v Immigration Appeal Oladehinde on August 25, 1988 Tribunal, Ex parte and Mr Alexander on September 23, 1988. They had both appealed unsuccessfully to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal

The applicants contended that it was inconsistent with the statutory framework of the 1971 Act for the secretary of state to devolve or delegate his power to make a decision to deport to members of the immigration

The Act specified precisely what activities were to be performed by immigration officers and what activities were to be performed by the Home Sec-retary and it was inconsistent with the intentions of Par-liament for the Home Secretary to require immigration inspec-tors to take decisions on his

For the Home Secretary, was contended that the Act made clear elsewhere when it was intended that the Home Secretary should take a decision himself and therefore Par-liament must have contemplated that he would devolve his powers to members of his department of appropriate

Immigration officers were members of his department of appropriate seniority and it was a matter for his discretion whether he devolved his powers In his Lordship's judgment

Oladehinde; Mr Nicholas Blake for Mr Alexander, Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said immigration inspectors had decided to deport Mr In his Lordship's judgment, the secretary of state's decision was contrary to and clearly thwarted the clearly defined policy behind the 1971 Act (following dicta of Lord Reid in Padfield v Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food ([1968] AC 977, 1030).

That was not to say that the secretary of state was never entitled to devolve any of his powers to an immigration inspector or immigration

The applicants were being deported after they had entered the country legally. The decision to make a deportation order would affect not only their ability to return to the United Kingdom, but could be a stigma in any other country they wished to enter and could interfere substantially with their ability to travel.

The Home Secretary still normally made deportation orders in person, but the Home Office took a different view of the decision to make a deportation order.
No doubt the distinction was

made because in many cases the decision to deport was not in fact followed by the order which actually resulted in that person's There was a clear divide in the

1971 Act between the functions expressly conferred on an immigration officer and those expressly conferred on the Home Secretary. The principle enunciated by Lord Greene in Carltona Ltd v

Commissioners of Works ([1943] 2 All ER 560) allowed delegation of ministerial de-cisions to responsible officials. But there were situations in which the secretary of state was required as a matter of law to The Carliona principle was more correctly to be regarded as an implication which was read into a statute in the absence of any clear contrary indication by Parliament that the implication

His Lordship was satisfied that a statute could contain an implied limitation on the secretary of state's power to

Furthermore, the fact that the secretary of state could devolve his powers did not necessarily entitle him to devolve them to members of the immigration service, who were expressly given other functions by the In the end the case came

down to the question of what was the intention of Parliament. In his Lordship's judgment the only possible conclusion was that Parliament did not and would not have intended the decisions to be taken by the immigration service. MR JUSTICE PILL agreed.

The effect of the Carltona principle was that where powers were given to a secretary of state in a statute an implication normally arose that they could be exercised under his authority by responsible officials of the department

That implication would not always arise. It would not arise when the statute expressly pro-vided that the secretary of state should take a decision person-ally or if it expressly defined categories of officials who might take the decision on his behalf.

It would also not arise where and context of the statute that Parliament's intention in a particular case was that it would not arise with respect to a particular category of officials in the department.

Solicitors: Lewis Silkin; Ms Alison Stapley; Treasury

Adoption society powers same as council's

[Judgment February 20]

The wardship court would not

approved adoption society to remove a child from prospective adopters as by various statutory requirements and provisions

Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, so stated on discharging a wardship summons relating to a boy aged one.
Section 30 of the Adoption Act 1976 provides:

"(1) Subject to subsection (2), at any time after a child has been

tion agency for the adoption of the child by that person, and before an adoption order has been made on the application of that person in respect of the child ... (b) the agency may cause notice to be given to that person of their intention not to allow the child to remain in his custody.

"(2) No notice under para-graph (b) of subsection (!) shall be given in repect of a child in relation to whom an application has been made for an adoption order except with leave of the court to which the application Miss Joanna Hall for the

former prospective adopters; Mr Mark Everall for the adop-THE PRESIDENT said that

THE PRESIDENT said that the boy, born on January 23, 1989, had been placed by the mother with the adoption society seven days later. In April the society considered that Mr and Mrs C would be suitable adoptive parents. The boy was placed with them in June 1989.

required notice under section 30 required notice under section 30 of the Adoption Act 1976.

Mr C told them to remove the child immediately. On February 13, Mr and Mr C issued the originating summons in wardship seaking care and control. The next day the society sought to have the wardship summons discharged.

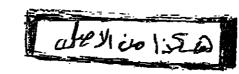
discharged.

By section 1 of the Adoption
Act 1976 every local authority
had a duty to establish and
maintain an adoption service
and section 3 provided for the and sounds 5 provision for the approval of adoption societies.

Various statutory requirements and provisions governed the adoption process, *inter alia*; the Children Act 1975, the Adoption Act 1976 and the Adoption Act 1976 and the Adoption Agencies Regulations Albough not a local authority, nevertheless the society had a

The words of Lord Scarman in In re W were applicable "to use the wardship jurisdiction to supervise or review the merits of local authority decisions taken pursuant to their duties and within their powers under the care legislation is to offend one of the basic rules of our law, namely the obedience of our courts to the enacted will of Parinaament."

Solicitors: Richard White &



the weifine of the child. There were frequent visits by the society's social worker and the child saw a consultant paediatrician.

The concern of the society did not abate. On February 2 representatives called at the home of Mr and Mrs C with the remained notice under section 30.

artisament."
The duties and powers of a The dunes and powers of a voluntary adoption society were analogous with those of local authorities. The principles stated in A v Liverpool City Council and In re W applied.

The society was regulated by

The society was regulated by statute and had a public function and in his Lordship's opinion judicial review would be available. However, the court had no power to intervene and would be summans the wardship summans.

nevertheless the society had to Michael Sherwin, Croydon; be approved by the accretary of Wilford McBain, Stockwell

Happiness

achieved

for proud

Walker

chauvinism.
"I first saw bobsleighing eight years ago, and I kept pestering until I was given the chance to sit as a passenger in a four-man bob at Winterberg in Germany," also said. "The sheer speed was terrifying and all the beads and loops seemed to be rushing at us like lightning, but the moment we'd got down I said to the driver 'Let's zo again', and that was it

"Let's go again", and that was it — I was booked."

From then on she rode as a

From then on she rode as a passenger several times, but despite impeccable credentials—she is the daughter of General Sir Antony Walker, chairman of the Army bobsleigh association—Walker, aged 26, came up against a solid wall of male opposition each time she tried to make the tough transition to driving.

Driving ambition on an ice-bound track

Woosnam is rested and ready to fulfil lifelong ambition

Ian Woosnam emerges from his hibernation at the Mediterranean Open on the Las Brisas course here today, with an eye on Augusta and the thought of following Nick Faldo as the Master golfer.

Woosnam is convinced that, on the eve of his 32nd birthday, the time has arrived don't win a major champfor him to devote his not inconsiderable talent to winning a major championship.

The Welshman won more has been good to me, but I

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Woosnam said. "The game stroke."

onstrated his skills by winning remembered."

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Although Woosnam has rein Making You are optimed for mind for the Masters next month. He
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What irritates Woosnam is the thought that, unlike his one aspect of his game he European Ryder Cup colbelieves stands between him Ryder Cup team playing here and the ultimate success.

With 10 of Europe's last Ryder Cup team playing here — Ronan Rafferty and Faldo Faido, Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle, he could fail to

Lyle is back chasing dollars

Sandy Lyle will pick up his 1990

United States campaign in Doral Ryder Open on the 6,659-

yard, par-72 "Blue Monster" course here today, hoping to show a better return than from

This would be a good time for

him to come good and for his putter to start to work again,

because the next five events, leading up to the Masters, which

starts on April 5, have prize-money totalling \$5.8 million (£3.4 million). The first three

places here, for instance, are worth \$252,000, \$151,200 and

coaches of the competing clubs.

The Warrington coach, Brian Johnson, will have to apply for clearance to the New Zealand

Rugby League if he is to field, in that game, his Kiwi inter-

who is due to return to New

angry that there is a five-week

gap between last Sunday's great

cup victory at Widnes and the

al hooker, Duane Mann,

an coach, Tony Barrow, is

show a better return than Holland on the all-time money has been seathe won \$28,430 from four \$1,517,700 from his seven seasons on the US Tour. Tom Kite

RUGBY LEAGUE

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than £1 million in 1987, so must win one of those top starting his 1990 campaign securing his financial future, prizes, because those are the until now because his one and has since then dem- ones for which you are immediate objective is to be in

pen. Oswestry, he has still con-What irritates Woosnam is centrated on improving the diately before Augusta.

With 10 of Europe's last

the first prize of \$68 million in

the state lottery last week, Lyle has enough money to last him the rest of his life. He lies 65th

leads with \$5.7 million, just in front of Tom Watson, \$5.16 million, and Jack Nicklaus, \$5.104 million.

All of the aforementioned are

here, together with a strong contingent of Australians in

Wayne Grady and Steve Elking-ton. Mark Calcavecchia, Paul

Azinger, Ray Floyd and the

Before that, he blamed a disobedient putter for his reversal against Curtis Strange in the Ryder Cup.

"My putting has been so poor for the last two years that I have been giving the best players in the world a one-shot start each round," Woosnam said. "You cannot do that and expect to win major championships. I need to be steadier on the greens, so I've worked hard on a new putting

Woosnam has avoided

When last seen in England, are absent - Woosnam has he was cursing his form on the chosen well in terms of greens after being defeated by examining his game, es-Faldo in the final of the pecially as the Las Brisas is a "I know in my heart that if I Suntory World Match Play conventionally good course.

defending champion, Bill Glasson, aged 29, of California,

are among others in the field.

Lyle went out today in the

penultimate starting group from the tenth tee, in company with David Frost, of South Africa, and Chip Beck, who made a fine Ryder Cup debut at The Beifry last September. He won three of

his four matches and halved the

other with Tom Watson against Seve Ballesteros and José María

a year-long drought. There are parched patches on some fair-

ways and the water levels of the

lakes which give the "Blue

The course has suffered from

driving.

The bob has to negotiate winding courses, many with more than a dozen curves, Shends and chicanes, often at speeds of up to 90 miles an hour. The slightest error or a bob wrongly positioned on a banked curve can shoot it straight off the track or leave it bumping along upside down, so precision driving is vital. So, too, is power on the start when the team sprints flat out, pushing the bob to give it maximum mouentum.

At five foot seven and 12 stone, Walker has the powerful build and athleticism required but still found it almost impossible to be taken seriously.

Luckily, she eventually en-

Brown, the British hobsleigh team manager, who encouraged her to keep trying, and recently invited her to join a bobsleigh drivers' training course at Igis, in Austria. "My family were horrified, and joked they hoped I'd land on my head so I'd see sense," she said. "I'd been training really hard for it though, doing weights, running and aerobics as well as working on a rowing machine, so I certainly wasn't going to give up. certainly wasn't going to give up, however terrified I felt. "I did my first drive in a two-

man bob from halfway down, and I was so hervous I kept thinking 'Do I really want to do this?'. But you can't reverse when you're pointing down the hill, and I somehow got down to the bottom in one piece. I was



Breaking down the barriers: Walker takes a break from the curves and chicanes during a training session at IgIs

Walker improved steadily throughout the week and soon started from the top of the run. Started from the top of the rm.
Despite a few close calls, she got down safely each time.

"Caroline did very well because she was so keen to learn and soom got the hang of positioning the bob," her coach, Peter Brown, said. "It's difficult for the bobsleigh hierarchy to account moment." accept women. There are too many male charvinists around, and they perhaps see them as a threat to their cosy little club, but I think it's vital we get

women is volved.

"Because of the physical demands it will be difficult for them to compete on absolutely equal terms with the top men, but I'm hoping to get two more women to come and train as drivers through the summer and

hold a women's event in October or November. "Ideally, the sort of build we're looking for is sensesse like Judy Oakes [the shot putter]—
very athletic with lots of power
and capable of withstanding a
few knocks. Caroline's almost

in Europe, but there are a coup in America and Canada, so in the meantime, Walker is searching for a sponsor to help with the £7,000 she will need to

continue her training sext sea-sea, fortified by her memories of her first attempt at driving, "The speed and advenalia of manoeuvring the bob as the Sbends and curves come flashing past you and having to think like lightning was amazingly ex-hilarating," she said, "I just can't wait to go again."

MOTOR RACING

Random drugs and alcohol tests are to be introduced this this year. John Quenby, the new chief executive of the RAC

has limits

From Mr John McDonnell Sir, Brian Moore's concern

about the possible International Rugby Football Board rejection of the remuneration proposals (report, February 27) wornes

me. Long may he fill the hooker position and even become cap-

tain of England, but only a few members of the team, including

mise of the amateur. Neverthe-

Quenby said: "We recognize that it is unsatisfactory to find a major championship resolved

Quenty said he would also be better career structure for young RACING

Blundell conjures 100-1 coup before snow intervenes

only jumping meeting to take place so far in Britain this week place so far in Britain this week
was taken only minutes before
the start of the fourth race, the
Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares
Only Novices Hurdle.
As the snow-covered jockeys
returned to the weighing room,
Gerry Scott, the starter, said:
"We asked the riders and it was
a meaningure decision. They

a unanimous decision. They said that the snow was balling said that the snow was caling into the horses' hooves, and that it would have been very dangerous to continue."

"It was getting very unsafe," said Martin Lynch, the jockey on First Review. "It was balling so badly that it felt as though my horse were stuling on edite."

horse was walking on stilts."

The afternoon could hardly have started on a more dramatic note. As Ghadbbaan, the 100-30 favourite, weakened in the opening Askham Bryan Novices Hurdie, Martin Brennan drove Smiley home 2½ lengths ahead

John le Carre, the creator of Smiley, could hardly have de-vised a more bizarre scenario vised a more ouzarre scenario than the 100-1 win of the five-year-old, which was greeted with cheers from only the book-makers and the winning

The fact that yesterday's de-cisive winner had failed to complete the course in his only three outings over hurdles had not deterred John Blundell, the trainer and Hugh Bourne, the owner, from landing a minor

betting coup.
"I certainly had a bit on and
the owner had a good bet," said
the trainer. "He was so disappointing at Haydock last time out that Martin said he was no good. But he's always been one of our best workers at home. He was probably suffering from the virus which was affecting all my



100-1 winner Smiley up behind King's Rank on the cashire track in heavy going Lancasure track in heavy going, an inquiry into this dramatic improvement in form would surely have been a good exercise in public relations.

Such a move would certainly have been more consistent as

Such a move would certainly have been more consistent as the authorities had moved sharply into action over the running of Glenderry, who finished sixth. After watching the video and interviewing the handicapper, the stewards took the view that Glenderry had not been ridden to obtain the best possible placing. They therefore fined David Dutton, the trainer, and Tony Charlton, the jockey,

Favourite backers fared distinctly better in the next race, the Sicklinghall Novices' Chase, when Neale Doughty rode Share A Friend to a comfortable three lengths win over Kilclooney Forrest for Gordon Richards.

Despite his 72 winners this season, Arthur Stephenson tra-ditionally has a quiet spell at this stage of the campaign. And those who made Captain Mor 11-10 favourite for the East Keswick Handicap Chase were wide of the mark as the eightyear-old and Chris Grant beaten four lengths by Tactico. Mark Dwyer trained the winner for Jonjo O'Neill. Discussing his Cheltenham plans, the trainer said: "I've got about six entries at the festival but only horses before Christmas."

Although it is over two possible runners, Tactico months since Smiley was pulled and Raise An Argument.

Heavy bets on Curley hope fall by wayside

Two large bets on Barney brated his 71st birthday on Carley's Apple Lane stayed in Tuesday, was back in the party mood after Wingcommander Lingfield Park yesterday after the 10-year-old could finish easy the acts of the acts with the state of the could finish easy the state of the could finish easy the state of the

Apple Lane, on whom Earoum Murphy replaced amateur John Twomey, touched 5-1 in the betting at one stage, but his price dropped to 100-30, which included wagers of £2,500-£500 and £3,333-£1,000.

Heratian was partned

The 4-1 chance had the race in

control soon after taking the lead on the run to the second-last flight, and kept on strongly to score by 20 lengths from Rickeston Lad. It was the third all-weather success at Linguist for Joseph, who blamed the 2%-mile trip for Wingcommander Eats's defeat at the track last time.

One person not smiling about who was laid up in bed with tonsilitis and missed the winning ride. David Skyrate dej daughter-in-law Claire
Wosmacott, whose only previous
saccess under Raies was in a
hunter chase.
Amersham-based permit
holder Jack Joseph, who cele-

EQUESTRIANISM

Leng the right one at Martini

By Jenny MacArthur Virginia Leng, the reigning world and European three-day event champion, yesterday re-ceived the Martini Horse Award

for eventing in recognition of her successes in 1989. It is the fifth time in the last six years that she has won the award, which was presented to her in London by Ronnie Massarella, the British showjumping team manager. The awards, which cover seven equestrian disciplines, are cho-sen annually by readers of Horse and Rider, Pony and Topic

Leng, who hopes to defend her world championship title in Stockholm in July, won Bad-minton in May of last year on Master Craftsman, before going on to collect her third successive individual and team European nitides at Burghley in September.
John Whitaker, who won
European team and individual
gold medals last year on Milton, won the show-jumping award for the fourth time.

1989 MARTINE HORSE AWARDS: Horse Trisie: V. Lang. Show jumping: J. Whiteker. Dressage: J. Lonston-Clarke. Showing: D Tadow. Driving: K. Bassett. Point-to-point: Tadow, Driving, K Bassett, Point-to-point.
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Tyson. Topic Trophy: D Lampard, Martini
Scholarship: E Brookss.

CYCLING

McEwan's ups the annual race premium

"British professional cycle sport is now approaching an annual budget of almost £6 million over the next three years," according to Alan Rushton, of Sport for TV, who yesterday announced the McEwan's LA Challenge series of city centre races (a Special Correspondent writes). McEwan's has increased its race budget to £250,000 a year, from £40,000, for the next three years. "We will be putting in more than £100,000 per year promotional support in addition to the sponsorship which fits well with our low-alcohol Stephen Langan, marketing manager for McEwan's lagers, said. The six-race series will start in Glesgow on May I and continue

on midweek evenings in Man-

chester, Newcastle, Nottingham and Leeds before the finale on

the Whitehall circuit in West-

minster on September 23.

Delay angers coaches

The date of the second semi-final in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, Saturday, March 31, has frustrated and irritated the revved after last Sunday, and it's going to be a hard job keeping the enthusiasm at full pitch for five weeks," Barrow said. He is particularly annoyed that one of the reasons for the delay is the fact that the BBC television Grandstand programme is call-His conosite number, the semi-final must take its place after matches in the rugby union five nations' championship. In addition, the second semi-final will kick off at 2nm, to accom-

From Mr I. L. Elliott
Sir, At the seminar on polluted
water and recreation at the
Central Council of Physical

Recreation (report, February 22) Dr Sheena Waitkins drew

particular attention to young people learning canocing and the teaching of the "eakimo roll" and capsize drill in polluted

For those learning whitewater canoeing in close-fitting cockpit kayaks this is essential. However, many instructors want to stop teaching capsize drill because of the problems with waters polluted and infected by Weils disease.

It is unfortunate that the

quent immersion. This macho

Key issue missed

From Mr Barrie Sheldon Sir, Lord Justice Taylor's report.

like its predecessors on football stadium disasters, has virtually washed its hands of the key

washed its hands of the key problem for many clubs, particularly in towns and cities with two or more clubs, i.e. stadiums designed and located on sites which are and have been totally unacceptable in many sensetions for 50 years or more

Government and local authori-

ties to provide the proper frame-work, financial incentive or opportunities to relocate or redevelop in settings appro-priate to the latter part of the 20th century. This simply will not do; it is high time these issues were properly addressed. Lord lustice Taylor rather than

Lord Justice Taylor, rather than

suggesting a move to the edge of town, which in most first di-

vision cases is totally unrealis-tic, has missed the environ-mental point, despite useful but unemphatic submissions to his inquiry by the Royal Town Planning Institute.

If Government and local authorities fail to take positive initiatives, including the provision of legal powers and financial incentives, the football

authorities and their responsible supporters will be further frus-trated in efforts to beat hooli-

Enrone and elsewhere.

BARRIE SHELDON.

Burrs Hill Barn House, Horsmonden Road,

Yours faithfully

Brenchley, Tonbridge, Kent.

aspects for 50 years or more. This is not so much the fault of the clubs or the football authorities as it is the failure of

the other group.

VOLLEYBALL

England open title defence against Irish

England, winners of the British men's championship last year, play the Republic of Ireland in their first match in this year's event at the Kelvin Hall, Glas-gow, on March 30 and 31 (a England's other group oppo-nents are the British Students. The organizers have decided keep England and Scotland apart and the Scots will face Northern Ireland and Wales in

DRAW: Group A: England, Republic treland and British Students. Group Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

image, whilst appealing to the adventurous teenage male, has a very detrimental effect on the rest of the population who might be interested in

participating in this great sport.
In 1984 the British Canoe
Union introduced a new teaching scheme aimed at those who
wish to "ramble, jog or run on

David Train, the British Olym-

pic canoe coach; it relies on open cockpit kayaks in which

beginners get started very quickly and easily, and there are endless cases of their being able

to paddle 1.000 metres on their

first outing and with very little risk of falling in.

The dummy run

Sir, Mr H. S. Booth (Sports Letters, February 22) refers to Mr K. J. Haskell's diatribe (Feb-

ruary 15) against Robert Jones and his use of the dummy run,

and rightly points to Richard Hill as another example. I must agree that these two players seem to be the prime exponents of this distasteful

exponents of this distasteful ploy in the international arena and I have yet to meet anyone who admires it. Most people view it as cheating.

Hill's (and others') practice of pointing out "offenders" is equally unpleasing and merely serves to "point out" that he is seeking to penalise the opposition for an easy three points rather than to provide the noble warning which Mr Booth naively (or partisanly!) suggest. By this means, both Jones and Hill seek to pre-empt the decision of

Sporting reality

From Mr Lance Haward

Sir, The Tyson/Douglas con-

has been with us throughout the

The referee's decision, it's

ner reterer's occision, it's said, must not merely be final on the day, but also unchallenged by reference to video replay. Likewise, doubtful line-calls at Wimbledon have not yet been settled by calling in the assistance of the BBC, though we

have swerved dangerously close to that surrender of autonomy.

It is, however, notorious that where relevant technology ex-

ists, man will strain to employ it, and in other sports which

From Mr A. R. Doig

sport and recreation of canoeing being only about whitewater and involving capsize and frequency on the water not in it, which renders the capsize drill

Sincerilinous

Drivers to get drug and drink tests

Motor Sports Association, said yesterday. "We want to be sure the sport is clean, and, if it isn't,

"We don't believe there is much, if any, use of drugs in David Brabham being awarded motor sport but with the Sports last year's title until this month.

People everywhere are at last beginning to realise that capsiz-ing in polluted, disease-ridden water is for emergency only and should be avoided at all times.

The foregoing is only part of

the storegoing is only part or the story, as all too many beginners find capsize drill a transmatic experience and are lost to canoeing before they even start. The statistics are that only

six per cent of those who try

Britain has many thousands of miles of slow moving and still water. Hopefully changing atti-tudes will open up canoeing as a

sport and recreation for people of all ages and levels of ability.

the referee and should be

Rugby referees have, for some

years, been providing an ex-cellent example to their soccer

cousins in the sensible and authoritative control of the game and application of the

It is to be hoped that our international referees again show the way ahead by instantly taking retributive action against the distasteful dummy run and pointing out of alleged indisceptions. The reference

discretions. The referee must

view the action as he wishes to

view it, for the good of the game, and not have his focus of attention dictated to him by any

have been corrupted by the triumph of gambling over aesthetics, the shape of things

that may well be to come was outlined when the 1949 Derby was awarded to Nimbus by the camera. The fallability of the human judge is less significant in the end than the inhumanity

of the mechanical one. When it comes down to the hundredth of

distinguishes a Höflehner from a Skaardal or vice versa, we have to ask before it's too late:

what reality is there in a sporting contest whose outcome can no

longer be appreciated by the human observer, only by his lifeless machines?
Yours faithfully,

LANCE HAWARD. 27 Lansdowne Road, N10.

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Yours faithfully, A. R. DOIG 16 Dalhousie Street,

Carnoustie.

penalised for ungentlemanly

Canoeing ever carry on.

Yours sincerely,

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conduct.

Ouenby also announced the disciplinary procedures after the long drawn out dispute in Formula Three which prevented

in court in February of the year

with a view to establishing a to Formula One. "We may even

SPORTS LETTERS More to canoeing than capsize and immersion Market power Black flag over Birmingham

From Mr Barry J. Brooker

him, have any earning power.

The would-be marketing org-The city has a great deal of which to be proud the National The would-be marketing organisation has rethought and backed off. Most ex-internationals I have heard at club dinners have so lacked afterdinner speaking skills that I think the market potential is severely limited. What of the thousands of other rugby union players who merely turn out players who merely turn out without any hope of getting on the cash bandwagon, not to mention those who get one or

even two caps only to find their potential drastically reduced when consigned to the bench, the B side or even back to the Cricket suffered with the de-

less mixed pro-am could not work in the 1990s and only a few would have any earning power - and that short-lived. and that short-lived.

That the hierarchy are not informed I doubt. That they earnestly wish to preserve the status of rugby union football I am entirely sure. Equally it is not payment that makes the All Blacks currently the best; it is application, as our great England XV is finding this year. The performance rating is cyclical and the balance will swing back to the northern hemisphere sooner rather than later and money will have nothing to do story is very different.

will have nothing to do

The best way for Brian Moore to influence the IRFB is to get elected to the committees. Unfortunately such a commitment would also erode fitness, train-ing and ultimate selection and Sincerely, JOHN McDONNELL,

9 High Street, Nettlebed, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire. Different targets From Mr Elwynne Jones
Sir, May we now expect to see
English rugby players being
lured "north". They seem to be
far superior to any left in Wales
by the "league" raiders.
Yours sincerely,

Plas Ceiri, Gwalchmai,

Anglesey, Gwynedd.

Sir, I always thought that a black flag was waved to stop a motor race. In the House of Commons on Monday night we saw flagwaving of a different hue as three Labour MPs wasted Par-liament's time with the pointless delaying tactics aimed, sadly successfully, at preventing expansion of the Brimingham Super Prix to a four-day event.

Exhibition Centre, one of the finest orchestras, the Convention Centre near completion, the tion Centre near completion, the airport now free to take scheduled international flights. All bring revenue and status to Birmingham as would a Super Prix ultimately elevated to Formula One Grand Prix status.

Clare Short says the noise upsets residents. Strange when much of the circuit is not actually routed through residen-

Immediate access From Dr C. P. Crosby Sir, Mr Goss (January 18) is, of course, quite correct to identify the need that most of our athletics have for immediate access to specialised sports medicine services. The elite performer usually has little diffi-culty in obtaining expert assessment, diagnosis and treatment within the critical first 48 hours after injury, but for the humbler club or recreational athlete, the

Indifference and ignorance on the part of overworked casualty officers and general practitioners often makes it impossible to obtain a specialist referral and even then, since there is no sports medicine training within the NHS, there is no susrantee that the specialis no guarantee that the special-ist will be interested, or even informed, about the particular problems that the injured ath-lete poses.

In the long term, therefore, the road to improved medical services for the sportsman or woman is through better edu-cation, at both under-graduate and post-graduate level. The British Association for Sports Medicine, the London Sports Medicine Institute, and the London Hospital are all very active in promoting courses in the field.

However, this may not be happening quickly enough for Mr Goes and others in his position, but I can assure him that there are several sports injury clinics (now defined as i

tial areas. As for the inconve-mence to daily road users, the council staff have got the rection

and dismanting of the safety fences and crash barriers down to a fine art. I use at least part of the circuit daily and have never experienced the slightest I wonder if the citizens of Monte Carlo view their Grand

Prix as a noisy, unprofitable

event.

One has to speculate to altimately accumulate, the Convention Centre being an example, as was the NEC. How does one measure the boost to Birmingham's image internationally and the revenue taken by local hotels, restaurants and other businesses?

I. I. BROCCEST. B. J. BROOKER,

18 St Catherines Road. Blackwell

having the services of both chartered physiotherapists and doctors available within it) which operate in London and the South-east on an easy access basis throughout the week, without the necessity of formal referral. I would be giad to

> A particularly exciting new development is the forthcoming opening of the Centre For Enercise and Sports Medicine in South Bedfordshire, which represents the first joint venture in the United Kingdom of the NHS and private sector in the provision of a seven-days-a-week sports injury service, as well as podistry, guit analysis, physiological fitness assessment, cardiac and general rehabilitation, sports natrition and health-related fitness as well as a mobile unit for use at the track and field side. A particularly exciting new

track and field side.

The time should now be well behind us when an injured athlete is considered to be a hopeless "self-inflicted" case and I trust that we shall soon no longer require letters like Mr Goar's to spar us into offering the decent medical services that this country's sportsmen and women both need and deserve. Yours sincerely. C. P. CROSBY. Medical Director.

Garden Hospital, 46-50 Sunny Gardens Road, Hendon, NW4.

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LTA admitting to its failings From Mr David Whitehead

Sir, For those of us who have made a contribution to the made a contribution to the continuance of the Wightman Cup, it was dismal reading (February 21) to learn of the decision of the Lawn Tennis Association to suspend the oldest team competition in women's team competition in women's team competition.

mable to compete with our American friends certainly did not deter the British in the past when the United States dominated the competition, in particular, the years between 1931-57 and 1961-67.

Identify this this decision by the I do think this decision by the LTA demonstrates a lack of both ideas and enterprise, and is an admission of the LTA's failure to justify the enormous sums of money received from Wimbledon

To offer an excuse that we are

Yours faithfully. DAVID WHITEHEAD. (Tournament Director ightman Cup, 1978-80-82), 86 Devonport, Radnor Place, W2. From Mr David Kendix Sir, in view of the long period which has elapsed since the United States last won it, is it not also time to suspend the Ryder Cup?
Yours faithfully,

7 Parkside Drive, Edgware, Aerobic fitness From Mr David Francis

Sir, Paul Ackford, England rugby international, seems to have mistaken body size and weight for strength in suggest-ing. "People like Seb Coe are very aerobically fit, far fitter than I'll ever be, but you ask him to rip a ball out of a scrum and he wouldn't be able to do

and he wouldn't be able to do
it" (February 22).

I suspect that Coe is not
only aerobically fifter but,
pound for pound, physically
stronger than Paul Ackford.

To perform a model of To perform at world-class level in middle-distance running requires not only aerobic fitness but a high level of allround strength and total body

A statement such as the one Ackford made under-estimates the superb physical condition of an athlete such as Sebastian Coc. Yours faithfu DAVID FRANCIS 78 Boleyn Way, New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

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(Michael Phillips)

Following encouraging runs at Warwick and Chepstow, where he was second on each occasion, Roll-A-Joint now has a decent chance of winning the Forbra Gold Cup at Ludiow again today,

But what a difference a year makes forwhen he captured the trophy 12 months ago, he started at even money, having won three of his previous four

He was also destined to win his next three as well, the last being the Scottish National at

This time his odds will be much more appealing because he has still to win this season, the principal reason being the inevitable rise in the handicap as the result of those gains. But his last two races held out hope that he would be

back in the winner's enclosure again before long.
While conceding that today's distance is arguably shorter than his best, this still looks an ideal occasion to

prove the point. At Warwick, Roll-A-Joint ran a sound race to split Woodgate and Over The

Interestingly, those same two horses were directly behind him, but in the reverse order, at Chepstow where he was runner-up to Sandicliffe Boy in the recent Grand National trial.

Had North Lane not thrown the race away with a mistake two out, Roll-A-Joint would in fact have finished only third. But even that would have been honourable in the circumstances.

On his Warwick form Roll-A-Joint has the beating of Outside Edge and Memberson, who finished fourth and sixth respectively.

Since Warleggan has not raced for 15 months, Uncle Merlin, Weirpool and Rich Remorse, winners all last time, could constitute the hard core of Roll-A-Joint's oppo-

Patrick Biancone: Septem-

ber start in Hong Kong

Wetherby

Coings sor:

215 (2m Indis) 1, \$848.EY (M Brannsm, 100-1); 2, Cilippana Departa (B Dalton, 9-1); 3, Halcanser (L O'Harra, 13-2); 4, Countic Ray (J Cornell, 10-1); A LSO RAN; 100-30 fav Ghestopen, 8 Simplesole, 8 Glenderry (5th), 9 Rogal Entire (5th), Regal Brass, 14 Final Physic, 16 The Fink Sinters, 20 Real Patrick, Paople's Choice, Palais De Danse, 25 War House, 35 Southando, Channy Boy, Bay Rox. 18 ran. NY: Papajolo, Our Hero, Ludy Lens, 2N, NI, 21, NI, 114, J Bandell at Grimsby, Tobs: 157-90; 211-50, E2-10, £2-20, £2-30, OF: 1182-90, CSF; £812-76, Tricmst; 15.986-92.

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Roll-A-Joint: fancied to defy top weight at Ludlow

Maryland Hunt Cup in the there last week.
United States last year, is Judged on he being trained for the Grand National by Tim Forster.

The Letcombe Bassett trainer is hopeful that Celtic Walk will also give a good account of himself this afternoon in the Bromfield Novices Chase.

But as he would have finished only a remote third at Chepstow last time had Formula One not knuckled over on landing over the last fence, I much prefer to go nap on Romany King, who looked as though he was ready for this distance when winning a similar but shorter event at Fontwell Park 10 days ago.

Interesting, the time of his race that day was virtually the same as Diaphantine's, yet he was carrying 18lb more.

Before that, Romany King had been a creditable second at Warwick to Party Politics,

Biancone in Hong Kong move

Patrick-Louis Biancone will definitely start training in Hong

Kong for the new season, which

begins in September. Chantilly-based Biancone,

Cloud last Saturday, is a prize

He was associated with that

outstanding race-mare Triptych

and also trained two Arc winners, All Along and Sagace.
Biancone was French champion trainer in 1985, but had not

enjoyed the same success in recent seasons, and suffered a major blow in 1988 when

Results from yesterday's two meetings

31, 1%1, hd, dist, hd. G Richards at

Greystoke. Tota: £2,80; £1,80, £7,00, £1,80, DF; £113,40, CSF; £29,39.

3.15 (2m SOyd ch) 1, TACTICO (M Deyer, 11-4); 2, Captain Mor (C Grant, 11-10 tay); 3, Surjectic (N Smith, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Tresidor (Sh), 6 Pura Manny (4th), 5 ran, 41, 12, 21, hd. J J O'Nelli et Penrith. Tota: £3,10; £1,80, £1,40, DF: £3,40, CSF: £8,10.

· Remainder of meeting aban-

Lingfield Park

Going: standard
1.40 (2m hdie) 1, WINGCOMMANDER
2.13 (O Styrme, 4-1); 2, Rickeston Lad
(C Evens, 5-1); 3, Solitary Resper (Dele
McKeown, 7-1), ALSO RAIN: 16-5 few Ving
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The Royal Hong Kong Jockey
Club yesterday confirmed that
the successful French trainer the yard.

Daniel Wildenstein took away
the majority of his horses from
the yard.

Chantilly-based Biancone, brought him 12 Oaks successes who saddled a winner at Saint- in his native country,

ch for the Hong Kong that for the first time European-

Uncle Merlin, who won the substance by winning again

Sandown, where she finished 13 lengths behind Okectee Siegerin could easily turn out to be Romany King's main danger now.

At the end of the programme, stable companion aptain Ahab has a good chance of completing a double for Toby Balding by winning the Downton Castle Handicap Hurdle. Last time out, he was beaten only a length by Mighty Falcon at Towcester.

Dwadme, who was runnerup to Re-Release on his jumping debut at Nottingham, can also go one better in the Clee Hill Novices' Hurdle, while the Corvedale Novices' Hurdle should go to Jenny Pitman's runner Swift Waters, who has reached a place in both his races so far.

Blinkered first time LINGFIELD PARIC 2.10 Come Halley. 2.40 Lizzy Cantle.

Biancone will be joined in

Hong Kong by top Australian trainer Neville Begg, whose ability training fillies has

trained horses will be invited to

take part in the £200,000 Hong

Kong Invitation Cup.
The race, over nine furlongs

standard. One entry from Eng.

2.10 (2m hdle) 1. HORATIAN (Mrs C Wonnecott, 10-1); 2. Apple Lene (E Murphy, 100-30); 3. Beby Ashley (A Caroll, 12-1), ALSO RAN; 2 fav African Safari (4th), 7-2 Bright Corner, 6 Telemachus, 12 Heni, Cougar (8th), 16 Lending Hend, 20 Sonio Lord (pu), 33 Berryn (50n), 11 ran, 12, 254, 254, 101, 101, Mrs J Wonnecott at Tavistock, Tota: \$19.80; E4.00, 22.70, 22.90, 09; 24.35, C.SF: 27.61.
2.40 (3th hdle) 1, KINGFEHER BAY (C

Tavistock. Tone: £19.80; 24.00, 22.70, 22.90. OF: £43.50. CSF: £47.61.

2.40 Gam hole) 1, KINGPESHER BAY (C Evens, 5-2); 2, Pleypen (J Frost, 11-10 lav); 3, Cuttic Hensier (Leses Long, 33-1). ALSO RANE 5 Edge O' Beyond (5th), 15-2 Sparking Cinders (8th), 10 Gone Human (4th), 33 Kibrsedy (pu), 50 Leg Up, Tom's Linie Will (pu), Clover Song, 10 ran. 1, 114, 12, 10, 15, 18 Palling at Coverridge, Tota: £3.20; 21.10, £1.50, £2.50. DF: £3.40. CSP; £5.81.

3,10 Can hole) 1, PRIENDLY COAST (A Carroll, 11-10 lav); 2, Glentsers Prince (5 Kelynthy, 25-1); 3, Binkley (F Campbell, 10-1), ALSO RANE 5 Pharmon Singer, 13-2 Cthy index, 7 Golden Vintage, 12 Gardysb-Mou (5th), 14 Cone Lane (8th), 16 Christmas Hole (4th), 20 Virginis' 8 Bay, 10 ran. 6, 8, 114, 21, 11. D Thom at Newmertet, Tota: £2.60; £1.20, £5.30, £1.40. DF: £180.80. CSF: £28.93.

3.40 (3m hole) 1, LESBET (J Tuita, 5-4 fan); 2, Leat Art (R Dutwoody, 3-1); 3, Fandango Boy (B Powel, 15-2), ALSO RAN: 6-7 more istand Red (4th), 16 Kristen (pu), 5 man. NR: Poons Express. 20, hd. det. C Wildman at Salsbury, Tota: £1.70; £1.20, £2.50. DF: £2.20, CSF: £1.70; £1.20, £2.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £1.70. [im 5f fat) BARINSDALE (Mrs. D

25.45.
4.10 (Im St flist) BARNSDALE (Mrs. D. Ortssell, 8-11 tayl; 2, Sikers (Mr. B. Cilfrord, 3-1); 3, Rotten For Daphne (P. Barnerd, 7-1), ALSO RAN; 12 Ashfeld Boy (Stri), Lace Parceol (4th), 16 Hale's Melody, 25 Hold Ontotal (5th), 17 ran, 31, 251, 31, 71, 11/4, D. Grassell at Heathfield. Yota: £1.80; £1.10, £2.10, DF; £4.50, CSF; £3.69.

Yesterday's South Pool Harri-

ers point-to-point meeting at

Ottery St Mary was cancelled because of a waterlogged course.

Plecepat: 258.30

will be asked to compete.

to re-examine the question of conference as chairman of the complexizing support for the Levy Board. He retires in leading two-year-old races.

turnover on horse racing has risen by some 35 per cent to a total of £4.1 billion, an increase fuelled largely by the im-plementation of the Satellite Information Services (SIS)

Although the bookmakers may be seen as the major beneficiaries of the growth, it has also quickened the flow of funds to the Horserace Betting Levy Board.

conference in London yesterday, it announced a projected income

ney has virtually doubled in

At the board's annual press

In its statement of expen-diture, the board described its intention to give £32 million in loans to improving facilities on raccourses over the next three years, and an increase in its prize-money allocation by £2 million to £24 million. Prize-

the past three years, from £12.8 million in 1988. The board's ability to release

significant funds for redevelop-ment is based on racecourses ni sprever srom gribaan their own right. The SIS pay-

"It is particularly pleasing to see courses improving facil-ities," Sir Ian Trethowan, the Levy Board chairman, said yes-terday, "When I first joined the board in 1982 the total loans were only three quarters of a million. But even now the £32 million is insufficient. We have applications for loans totalling £40 million."

In its notes on the distribution of prize-money, the board added that it is to ask the Jockey Club

to support these races two years ago," Sir Ian added. "But in the light of widespread comment on the level of competition they have attracted, we would like to be sure the Jockey Club is satisfied with the existing system. If they are then we will be happy to go along with that."

The board also committed £1 million to Racing Welfare intinterest-free loans for the provision of accommodation for It was Sir lan's last annual

not yet been named. He can feel satisfied that he is in effect going

Although the figures paint a picture of glowing health, it is highly unlikely that the speciacular growth can be main-tained. The introduction of the SIS service must be viewed as a once-only boost to the sport, and background of a buoyant economy. The financial indicators suggest that stricter times are at hand and racing will not be impane from their effects.

LUDLOW

Selections By Mandarin

1.25 White River. 1,55 Dwadme. 2.25 ROMANY KING (nap). 2.55 Keep Straight

3.25 Roll-A-Joint, 3.55 Swift Waters. 4.55 Captain Ahab

By Michael Seely 1.55 MAYORAN (nap). 2.25 Celtic Walk. 3.55 Hoping For Glory. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.25 SIEGERIN. Brian Beel's selection: 4.25 Sunday Champers.

Going: good to soft 1.25 BORDER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (Div 1: 1,804: 2m) (12

1 PSOP- BELL NORMAL 320 (G Huston) Mrs. J Evens 5-11-5 2 SO CALAHONDA BAY 17 (D McDuffle) A James 5-11-3.
3 U-4540P PRENCH DADDY 84 (S McCausterd) J Batus 5-11-3.
4 2243-80 IGNG OF ARADON 54 (B) plats 3 Hell R Brotherton 5-11-3.
5 205445 WARRIORS PROMES 43 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 5-11-3.
6 84314 HATAAM 18 (B,BF,S) (M Kirby) E Winesler 4-10-13.
7 6100 VAUGLY PERCEPTIVE 43 (CD,F) (A Strengton) B Stevens 4-10-13. ... W Int P Veri Tunya Sione (7) D Matthews (7)

BETTING: 2-1 Valgly Perceptive, 100-30 Hatsem, 9-2 White River, 8-1 Warrior's Promise, 10-1 others. 1989: TRUE BRIT 5-11-3 M Maggeridge (25-1) N Smith 10 ran FORM FOCUS PRENCH DADBY produced best effort when 221 4th of 6 to 1 Like it A Lot over today's course and distance in non-seller (firm).

HATAAM 15%1 4th of 14 to Mottram's Gold at Townester (x, soft); previously best Curious Peeling 40 in a Fontwell seller (2m 2t, heavy) with TASKALADY Selection: HATAAM 15%1 4th of 12 to Mottram's Gold at Townester (2m, soft); previously best Curious Peeling 40 in a Fontwell selection: HATAAM 15%1 4th of 12 to Mottram's Gold at Townester (2m, soft); previously bit in TASKALADY Selection: HATAAM 15%1 4th of 15%1 4th of 14 to Mottram's Gold at Townester (2m 2t), heavy) with TASKALADY Selection: HATAAM 15%1 4th of 15%1 4th of

1.55 CLEE HILL NOVICES HURDLE (22,164; 2m 5f) (18 runners)

9-9 CONEY DOVE SE (J Price) R Price 5-10-13... 9/90 COVA CALE SE (Mrs K Lloyd) T Balley 6-10-13... 96- SHERRY 90-90 304 (F Hennar) Mes R Hamer 5-10-13... PP SHY METRESS 17 (N Courson-Streens) G Ham 7-10-13... 20F4 FLYING JUNCTION 41 (Mrs P King) J King 4-10-9... SETTING: 2-1 Dwadme, 5-1 Peter Piper, 6-1 Queen's Chaptain, 7-1 Mayoran, 10-1 Culleann, Silent

1988: FETCHAM PARK 4-11-5 L Kelp (10-11 fav) M Pipe 18 ran

FORM FOCUS CASTLE WINDOWS
finished lest of 8 in letted race at Warwick (2m 5t, soft) on English debut; previously 23th 2nd of 11 to Rag Merchant at Gowran Park (2m 1t, heavy).

MAYONAN 17: 3rd of 15 to Run To Form at Wolverhampton (2m 4t, soft) serier 53th 3rd of 20 to Danny Herroid at Chepstow (2m 4t, soft). DWADME, fair of 20 to Danny Herroid at Chepstow (2m 4t, soft). DWADME, fair of 20 to Danny Herroid at Chepstow (2m 4t, soft). DWADME, fair of 20 to Danny Herroid at Chepstow (2m 4t, soft). DWADME, fair of 20 to Danny Herroid at Chepstow (2m 4t, soft). DWADME, fair of 2m 100yd, good).

2.25 BROMFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£2,869: 2m 4f) (16 runners)
1 F36-211 ELITE BOY 96 (CD,F) (Mrs C Stack) M Oliver 5-12-1
2 0P6-312 CELTIC WALK 37 (D,G) (Mrs A Wood) T Forster 6-11-10
3 17-6821 ROMANY KING 10 (5) (L. Gerrett) G. Beking 6-11-10
4 0-0043F BRADWALL 24 (8) (G Barlow) G Barlow 6-11-5
5 3F826-6 COURT RAPIER 10 (F) (H Perry) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-5 Ballarry (5)
5 333FU1 DIAPHANTINE 10 (F,8) (D Stephens) C Pophem 8-11-5
7 F30045 JUST MICK 24 (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 9-11-5
8 254-090 LUCKY PEN 7 (F) (P Purdy) B Forsey 10-11-6
9 00-P533 MAJESTIC BRUNO 24 (Mrs D Flotcher) N Gaselee 6-11-5
10 3000P/P MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN 42 (P Bowditch) Mrs C Budd 11-11-5
11 00040/P PHALIES FOLLY 19 (Arden Flacing Club) M Barraciough 8-11-5
12 /5306U/ SALCOMBE 495 (BF) (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 8-11-6
13 P-22454 SHADY ROAD 17 (BF,O) (Kinch Bulk Hausege Ltd) O D'Nell 8-11-5 C Bradley -
14 F/P4P-OP TO ASTERS 9 (II) (Miss J Horwood) Miss J Horwood 9-11-5
15 P-P2PFP ZUMMERSET 21 (G) (O Coombs) D Barons 8-11-5
15 253653 SIEGERON 13 (C.F.) (K Flactor) M Francis 6-11-0
BETTING: 3-1 Romany King. 9-2 Slegarin, 5-1 Cabic Wattr, 6-1 Bradwall, 8-1 Disphantine, 10-1 others

will take place at Sha Tin on December 16, and is aiming to 1989: MAJOR MATCH 7-11-10 H Davies (9-2) T Forster 9 ran attract horses of group three land, Ireland, France and Japan

FORM FOCUS 5 LITE BOY best Hard course and distance (firm) last drag previously best Special 10 at Wolverhampton (2m 44, firm), CELTIC WALK 122 2nd of 15 to Swence at Chepatow (2m 44, besvy); previously best Couture Color SI at Wolverhampton (2m 44, firm), CELTIC WALK 122 2nd of 15 to Swence at Chepatow (2m 44, besvy); previously best Couture Color SI at Wolverhampton (2m 44, good).

ROMANY KING best Master Cornedy % at Forthwell Selection: ROMANY KING

2.55 BORDER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (Div 11: £1,590: 2m) (11

UΝ	18(3)		
1	P	GLENBORY 7 (I Arbuthnott) J Roberts 5-11-3	
2	00-3600	GOLFER'S SUNRISE 12F (R Taylor) K White 5-11-3	83
3			
4	2105FP		87
5	0/054	JUST ONE KISS 17 (R Giles) W Wilson 5-10-12	
6	9000		_
7	2450	SOLDIER BRAYE 10 (Mrs E Rolle) R Manning 4-10-9 W MoFestand	92
B	P02,	ABLE VALE 10 (BF) (A Balley) R Holder 4-10-4	92
9	90P	GALLIC SELLE 5 (B) (J Dale) J King 4-18-4	
10	8	SUPERLASSIE 120 (M Castel) M Castell 4-10-4 V Stattery (3)	_
11	579		88
1	ETTING:	2-1 Able Vale, 7-2 Keep Straight, 5-1 Waffle, 7-1 Soldier Brave, 8-1 Golfers Sunrise, Sup	-
	. 12-1 od	MA.	_

1988: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION FORM FOCUS GOLFER'S SUNRISSE Galwax Lady in a Devon seller (2m 11, good to firm). Devon seller (2m 11, good to firm). ARLE VALE 101 2nd of 8 to Stellejoe in an all-weapood to firm). CAPITAL BUILDER was beaten over 25 when 7th of 10 to Fisherman's Croft in an Ayr claimer (2m, good to soft).

SOLDIER BRAVE was beaten 371 when 5th of 11 to Selection: ARLE VALE

3.25 FORBRA GOLD CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,824: Sm) (16 runners) Long handlesp: Crowecopper 9-13, Borrowciele 9-7, Royal Battery 9-5, Blackwell Boy 8-10, Scale Model

EETTING: 7-2 Uncle Martin, 9-2 Rich Remorse, 13-2 Roll-A-Joint, 7-1 No One To Bitane, 9-1 Welrpcol, I Outside Edga, Silver Pale, Crowcopper, 12-1 Royal Battery, Warleggan, Right Card, 14-1 others. 1982: ROLL-A-JOINT 11-11-5 B Powell (Evens fav) C Popham 4 ran

FORM FOCUS ROLL-A-JOINT 11-11-5 B Powell (Events lav) C Pophaint 4 ran
FORM FOCUS ROLL-A-JOINT 51 2nd in tent until unseating rider two out. SELVER PALE was hampered when 151 5th of 15 to Rublica at Warwick (3m 44 180yd, soft) on penultiments attent was hampered when 151 5th of 15 to Rublica at Warwick (3m 44, 5m 16) better off) 201 away 4th and Membersion (16h better off) 201 away 4th and Membersion (16h better off) 161 lutter back in 8th; letters 32 2nd to Sandickiffs Boy at Chepatow (2m 44, 5m 44,

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1	PO	ALKIONIS 21 (Mrs R Davies) Mrs A Knight 10-12	_		
2	00	CHS.WORTH RAIDER 20 (R Glee) J Spaining 10-12 A Webb -	_		
3		DEE JAY PEE 21 (D Jones) B Presco 10-12 T Well			
Ă	_	DOOLIN 227F (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 10-12 W Humphrays -	_		
ž	08	EARLY BREEZE OF (N GE) M McCount 10-12 G McCount	•		
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-	-	TAN COL 66 (1 Basey) 1 Basey 10-12	_		
7		HOROURS GRADUATE 549F (B Hampson) L Codd 10-12 R Supple -	-		
8	- 44	HOPPIG FOR GLORY 48 (Shelich Moterment) D Nicholson 10-12 R Durmoody 4:	ø		
9		HOWGILL 222F (Mrs C Lockhart) R Francis 10-12	_		
10	22	ROYAL STING 175 (Airs J Ward) M Robinson 10-12 J White	ď		
11		SHUGFIT'S IMAGE 47 (A Greenwood) O Sherwood 10-12			
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12					
18	50	THARROS 60 (M Persticos) M Francis 10-12	g.		
14	PØ	ARAGON QIPL 8 (Mrs M White) K Ryan 10-7 J McLaughlia -	_		
15		BALLYVAUGHAN LADY 189F (J. Howard) D Haydn Jones 10-7	_		
16	2230	MERRY MARIGOLD 21 (Mrs / Panfold) J Roberts 10-7 S Tismer			
17		TARATONG 12F (Nes L Tong) K White 10-7 A O'Hages -	_		
			~		
	ETTING	5-2 Snught's image. 3-1 Swift Waters, 4-1 Dee Jay Pee, 5-1 Hoping For Glory, 5-1 Roy	п		
Sting, 10-1 Therros, 12-1 others.					
		4000. STEN SIG ON USD 4 40 5 W McEndand (B.4) Colors of sens			

FORM FOCUS DEE JAY PEE 10 2nd to 2m 150yd, firm); proviously 11 2nd to Rielan (at hunting on (2m, good to soft) on hurding with MERRY MARIGOLD (same terms) 34 back in 8th and ALKIONES (same terms) 121 further back in 14th. HOPMS FOR GLORY finished well when 17%1 4th to good to soft on hurding debut. SWET WATERS ALKIONES (same terms) 121 further back in 14th. HOPMS FOR GLORY finished well when 17%1 4th to good to soft with CHELWORTH RAIDER (same terms) talled off in 9th.

STING 12 2nd to Crossroad Lad at Newton Abbot. Selection: HOPING FOR GLORY 4.25 ALDON NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,540: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

___ Mr G. Upton (3) 9 99 3 SUNDAY CHAMPERS 12 (Mrs J Tice) Mrs J Tice 8-11-7 SETTING: 1-2 Brockfall Boy, 100-30 Sunday Chemicers, 6-1 Thefriendlybarber, 10-1 others. 1889: KRYSTLE SAINT 8-11-7 S Androws (7-2) D Wheatley 11 (2n

FORM FOCUS BROCKHILL BOY well text term, making the frame in 3 of his 4 starts.

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ITS NEARLY TIME makes his debut under rules but completed good staying double in heavy ground between the flags last year and put up a good first 19 2nd to Eastern Destiny at Warwick (2m 4t, soft) with DIRECTOR PLEASE pulled up.

NOALUTION is maken pointer but ran consistently

4.55 DOWNTON CASTLE HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,931: 2m 5f) (20 runners) 5 \$329/0P FORT LINO 5 (B,S) (C Lewis) D Berons 7-11-2... 6 93010F/ OUR WHITE HART 695 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Short) K Balley 10-11-1... 7 B-224F3 CONSEMARA DAWN 5 (B,F,S) (Avondum Ltd) R Holder 6-10-13... A Tory (5) N Mana (5) 7 B-224F3 CONSEMARA DAWN 6 (B.F.S) (Avondum Ltd) R Holder 6-10-13 ... N Mans (5) 84 44/-SPP0 FOURTH TUDOR 10 (B.F.G.S) (D Brerston) A Jones 8-10-13 ... N Mans (5) 8 44/-SPP0 FOURTH TUDOR 10 (B.F.G.S) (D Brerston) A Jones 8-10-13 ... N Mans (5) 9 5/PF-000 HELL-STREET-BLUES 22 (D.F.S) (A Ridout) A Ridout 12-10-11 ... R Desmie 9 10 432502 CAPTAIN AHAB 15 (F Manthews) G Baiding 6-10-10 ... R Quest 93 11 A81-0F0 TREMSHIN 10 (C.F.) (A Middon) R Manning 5-10-10 ... Iffr A Ferrent (7) 87 12 015340 1 WONDER WHEN 112 (C.G.S) (M Oseman) G Price 9-10-7 ... D Bridgester (7) 13 4-PF0P FRENCH HABITAT 19 (B.G.) (Mrs J Arthur) P Davis 8-10-7 ... Temps Davis 90 14 224265 HIGH CHATEAU 10 (M Liley) J Speering 6-10-3 ... A Webb 90 15 3-04454 HIGH 8ID 24 (8) (Mrs S Jennet) Welson Price 5-10-2 ... A Price (7) 9-19 17 5-44541 HIGH 8ID 24 (8) (Mrs S Jennet) Welson Price 5-10-0 ... C Evens 91 17 5-458UFU HELLO SAM 13 (F) (P Bennett) J Bernett 7-10-0 ... L Harvey 18 6005-35 MR MALRITY 45 (B.F.G) (Mrs H Fullerton) Mrs H Fullerton 6-10-0 ... P Holley (3) 86 19 04/000 FERNANDO 8 (D Coding) A Turnel 6-10-0 ... R Boucher (7) 20 P-F7335 FFTM ATTEMET 17 (F) (E Rollmon) P Folguse 8-10-0 ... D Gellegher 90 Long handicap: Prince's Drive 9-13, Helio Sam 9-13, Mr Majirity 9-12, Fernando 8-12, Fifth Attempt 9-12 BETTENC: 7-2 Captain Ahab, 4-1 Connember Dawn, 5-1 HE-Street Blues, 6-1 Bit Of A Chance, 8-1 Fort Lino, 10-1 Mr Majirity, Fifth Attempt, 12-1 Ofbers.

1969: WAR DANCER 7-11-10 G Brackey (11-2) D Mourrey Smith 17 ran FORM FOCUS CONNEMARA DAWN
Yorkshire at Lingfield (2m 4f, standard) latest. CAPTAIN AHAB 11 2nd of 18 to Mighty Felson at Towcester (2m 51 28yd, soft) last time.
HIGH CHATEAU put up come creditable partormances on all-weather surface including 11 2nd (pair
clear) to Oxymeron at Lingfield (2m 4f, standard) in

Selection: HIGH BID ran well when 7½1 4th of 21 to
Pich Nephew at Lelosester (2m, good to soft) last
month; taiset 1G last of 4 to Disneyland at Lingfield
2m 2f, good to soft)
Is to Carper Capers at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft)
at Southwell (2m 4f, standard) on peraltimate start.

Selection: HIGH BID

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LINGFIELD PARK Selections By Mandarin

1.40 Altobelli. 2.10 Petticost Power. 2.40 Murmuring. 3.10 Sapphirine. 3.40 Ecossais Danseur. 4.10 Crosby Place.

Going: standard

Draw: 61-71, low numbers best

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1.40 SPARROWHAWK HANDICAP (£2,280: 2m) (6 runners) (5) 0000-42 CATHOS 9 (6.5) (W Stort) J Old 5-9-10.

2.10 HARRIER CLAIMING STAKES (\$2,553: 7f) (16 runners)

DEROLD REALTIFIE HOUR 18 (Mrs & Blum) G Blum 4-8-1.

(8) 0000-10 MOOR FROLENGING 9 (C.F.O) (M Evens) T Jones 4-8-1 16 (9) 202000- SESTER CHERYL 113 (F) (R Frost) R Frost 5-7-13......

0000-IZ CATHOE 2 (R,S) (W Stort) J UND 3-4-10 B regression 22008-0 STRICE HORSE 37 (V,F,S) (P Taplin) M Madgwick 5-9-3 T Williams 10-3512 ALTOSELLI 9 (C,F) (Mrs M Baunsel) P Mitchell 5-9-1 S O'Gorman (6) 05/R/C COMMARIES 9 (Mrs B Serjeant) S Woodman 6-9-0 J Williams 344-105 DADDY'S DARLING 14 (C,F,S) (Southern Caravana) J Gifford 5-8-9 F Nonce (7) MAGENTA 10-5 REPORTS 10-5 REPORT BETTING: 9-4 Cistion, 5-2 Allohell, 7-2 Daddy's Darling, 6-1 Stride Home, 10-1 Easter Baby, 25-1 Conselbes.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

21113-0 BLACK SABBATH 7 (Mrs A Smith) A Smith (Bel) 5-9-7 dy Town (7) [14] Of TOMMY ANN 23, (W Ward) M Williamson 4-8-4 (1) 06000-4 SNOW WONDER 28 (R Lamb) P Howing 4-8-3 . H Howe 68

2.40 MERLIN HANDICAP (52,406: 61) (12 runners)

S O'Gorman (5) 88 Dean McReown 19 C Cumphel (7) 9 99 J Williams 91 (B) S-14415 MY PAL POPEYE 12 (CD,F) (G Grant) P Mitch 61-3322 LDOTRIG S (CD.F.D) (M Holes) R O'Sultren 4-0-5 202-061 MURMURNIG S (CD) (J Recmond) S Dow 4-0-6 (Tex) 1-04022 ORCHARD'S PET 12 (D.F) (P Stranger) W G M Turner 4-0-1 3-2345 VALUANT SAINT S (D.S) (J Stephen) D Harry Smith 5-0-13-S-14 PSYCHO SCHINT SANT 9 (0.3) (J. SWANN) D MATRY SINGS 5-9-13.

S-144 PSYCHO SCHINT 7 (Rucing Telegraph) C Ales 3-6-7.

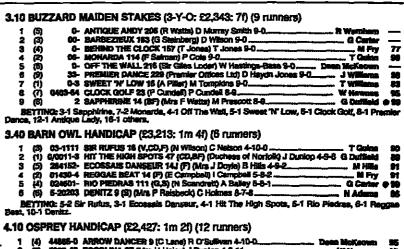
2198-9 GREY RUM 12 (8.1/3) (Hampison Transaphorats) W Parry
S-44736 LIZZY CANTLE 7 (8.C) (S Garde) C Widmen 3-6-3.

DOZ-564 PSYMODER 14 (W Wightman) W Wightman 4-7-6.

SHICLORY RESTRICTED REAPSONY 7 (F.Q) (G Roberts) J O'Shet 7-7-8.

400065 MANIERLEY SOY 786 (A Neeves) W Kamp 4-7-7. 92 SETTING: 3-1 Shammarton, 4-1 Locating, 5-1 Jay Pai Popeya, 6-1 Vallent Saint, 3-1 in: Rucs, 12-1 Ordnard's Per, 14-1 Psycho Sohny, 13-1 others.

SETTING: 7-2 Paracont Power, &1 Just A Step, 5-1 Secret Lisson, 8-1 Moor Frolicking, 7-1 Just Jernings, 8-1 Champion Ort, 10-1 Come Halley, 12-1 others.





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SHOW NUMBER PART ONE This issue includes a comprehensive colendor of dates and show secretaries David Broome's analysis of John Whitaker's riding style Professional showmans plans for the season by Elizobeth Polling Mark Phillips and Peter Churchill previewing Stockholm's World Equestrian Games **COLOUR SHOWS PLANNER** DRSEandHO THE WORLD'S BIGGEST SELLING EQUESTRIAN WEEKLY OUT NOW

"Are we very good – or what?" I Bacher was the South Africa cap-was asked the question last week by a young member of the South lock, Mike Protect and Barry African side that had just beaten Richards possessed such flair that Mike Gatting's XI for the fourth time out of four and had yet to contain them. suffer its only defeat. He was searching for a clearer perspective, and wondering how it was that with

Before getting round to the purpose and basic discipline which ramifications of the tour, to the allow sportsmen to make the best possible benefits and the ill effects, of their ability. I can see no reason and to where the future may lie, let me speculate, therefore, as to how south Africa might fare, in, say, a now raising our hopes in the West Test match at Lord's in June, against an England side with I was surprised at how strongly nothing on its mind but the match

When South Africa last played Test cricket, in 1969-70, they were arguably the best side in the world mained so for several years. It was the very structure of the game by the very structure of the game by entirely of exiles. "One of the using four fast bowlers to frighten criticisms levelled against us for the wits out of their opponents. Ali playing in South Africa," says

I am not suggesting that the present South African side, capand wondering how it was that with tained by Jim Cook, is as talented 323. Test caps among them the as that, but it certainly contains 323 Test caps among them to some very good cricketers. They by a team of relatively little field better than most England sides, and bowl and bat with the why they should not at least hold

I was surprised at how strongly Gatting and a good many of his players feel that only cricketers who have taken up the game in England should be allowed to play for England. It is resented that next and young enough to have re- year, by when Graeme Hick will be qualified to do so, England's before West Indies had struck at middle order could consist almost

In the aftermath of the aborted tour by Mike

Gatting's English XI, John Woodcock, in the first of two articles, assesses the state of cricket in South Africa and its prospects

Gatting, "was that it made us into mercenaries. In that case, so are the overseas players who come to England, not to settle but simply to make their living playing cricket there." If that sounds ingenuous, there can be no doubt that of Gatting's side in South Africa some, including the captain, were prompted to go there, whether justifiably or not, by disaffection

with the way the first-class game is run in England. For all that, it was the lack of professionalism of these very same players which the young South African was unable to relate to their status. Even when allowance is made for the remarkable display of calculating hitting from Adrian Kniper, the English bowling in Bloemfontein last week was of no

standard whatever. Some of the

batting, too, not only in Bloem-

fontein, was very poor.
In the one-day "international" in
Durban, Alan Wells, who averaged more than 50 in England last year, looked for half an hour to have hardly the basis of a game; while in his five innings on the tour Matthew Maynard made 0, 8, 6, 3 and 0. The faster bowlers, all of them

Test players, were mostly so erratic, even in the five-day game in Johannesburg, that on anything other than a grassy pitch at Cape Town it had been the intention to use three spinners in the five-day match there - Emburey, Barnett, and David Graveney, the side's player-manager - if only to keep the batsmen playing. There was a time when, from all accounts, Foster could hardly have hit a

in South Africa in 1982 - and that was a tour which passed off in comparative peace and quiet - and now watched part of a tour on which Gatting's side did itself so linke justice, I find it hard to accept the captain and manager's view that neither the atmosphere in which the cricket was played nor the qualms which the players themselves must have had affected their performance. I can understand, on the other hand, that they would rather not admit it.

What certainly did get to them was the quite unprincipled way in which, in their opinion and in some English quarters, the tour was reported and their own principles were impugned. "We've got him now," one reporter said to another as they manoeuvred Gatting into a corner. They came to crucify him and they did. There is no doubt, also, that the players saw the curtailment of the tour not only as the reverse it obviously was but as signifying the failure of their From the moment they were told

Dundee to aid Benn's world title world title campaign

By Srikussthey would not be going to Cape Town, to savour the delights of Newlands and try to avenge the defeat they had just suffered at the Wanderers in the first of what were to have been the two main matches, they gave too much time to working on a suntan.

Despite this, they did manage to play a better last game, and thereby, perhaps, to provide our young South African with a bearing of sorts. When South Africa do come back into the fold, they will have a side to come if not to have a side to cope if not to dominate. The irony is how much better their own standards seem to have survived their years of isola-tion than England's. Was it not two of them who have just shared the decisive partnership for England at Sabina Park in Kingston?

• The Wanderers ground, Johannesburg, home of the Transvaal side, has been sold to the city council for £1 million and will be leased back to the cricketing authorities at a peppercorn rent for the next 50 years.

TOMORROW When and how will it all end?

the finest strategists there has ever been and he will have the benefit of observing Nigel's strengths and weaknesses in training."

Dundee will not be talking directly to Benn. He will pass on his observations to Vic An-dretti. Benn's trainer, who will

relay them to the boxer. "It will be tremendous to work with be tremendous to work with him, but my trainer is Vie Andretti, the one I will be listening to." Benn said: "I've developed a great relationship in the short time I've been with him and the way he stays cool and calm makes me feel relaxed."

Angelo Dundee, one of the world's leading strategists, will be working for Nigel Benn when he challenges Doug DeWitt, of the United States, for the World Boving Organization middle-weight ritle at Atlantic City on

April 29.
Dundee, who helped guide
Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray
Leonard to greatness, has agreed
to be "the third man" in the

to be "The third man in the corner, according to Ambrose Mendy, Benn's manager, At first sight, Dundee's role might seem a bit like Bobby

Robson being the magic sponge man for Charlton Athletic, but

Mendy said that Dunder, who considers Benn a "tremendous fighting machine", would be

"We cannot but gain from

having him as part of our team," Mendy said. "Angelo is one of

acting as an adviser.

Dundee, who lives in Miami, where Benn has set up camp, has also agreed to allow Benn to spar with Michael Olajide. The Canadian challenges Thomas Hearns for the WBO supermiddleweight title the day before Benn's bout with DeWit, "I rate Michael Olajide highly," Benn said. "He is as skilful as Hearns and I can pick up a limited the said." Hearns and I can pick up a los from him." If Olajide and Benn wit

spectacularly. Dundee and Mendy will be working together again but in opposite corners.
The winners of the two bouts have been promised a multi-million-dollar unification contest by Bob Arum, the promoter. Benn, who is receiving £200,000 for his challenge, could make about \$1.1 milion (about about \$1.1 initial (about f687,000) against Olajide or Hearns, according to Mendy. "Knock out Dewitt and it's there," Arum told Mendy.

Benn can hardly wait to get in Benn can hardly wan to get at the ring with the New Yorker. "DeWitt is there to be hit." Benn said, rubbing his hands. "I will be in exactly the same frame of mind as when I fought
Michael Watson," he said.

The bout will be shown live by ITV, 8.30pm British time.

Rematch still on for Tyson

By Srikumar Sen

Mike Tyson could yet secure an immediate rematch against James "Buster" Douglas. Don King, Tyson's promoter and adviser, may have the last word on Douglas's first defence.

If King wins a court case against Douglas's manager, John Johnson, he would have the promotion rights to Doug-las's contests for the next two years. Documents show that in 1988 Douglas signed to box exclusively under King till 1991.

Johnson's case is that, as the contract called for King to refrain from any action detrimental to Douglas, it became unenforceable when "in breach of its aforesaid obligations, Dou King disputed the validity of Douglas's defeat of Tyson".

Lawyers for Douglas also maintain that the contract is illegal as Nevada law forbids promoters to tie up boxers. The Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas has agreed to help Johnson in his court battle on the understanding that the hotel will be allowed to stage Douglas's first defence against Evander Holyfield, the No. 1 contender. Steve Wynn, the owner of the Mirage, is prepared to pay the champion \$25 million for the Holyfield bout and \$35 million for The Holyfield bout and \$35 million

SCOTLAND

Atherton sacrifices a century for the benefit of the team

CRICKET

batsmen to take lengthy pracintense sunshine. Atherton, who is leading tice against Zimbabwe B vesterday, in readiness for the England A in this match, five-day international on Satmostly found timing and his urday, was not quite fulfilled best touches elusive but baton the second day of their tled on through 75 overs. He match at the Harare South faced 229 balls, hit a six and country club. More than one eight fours and the only batsman brought about his chance he offered came just own dismissal and Michael before the declaration when he Atherton was alone in playing was dropped at short mida long innings.
Atherton batted five hours wicket. It was hard work at times for him and the handful and was 97 not out when he of spectators but was ideal preparation for the forthcom-

opposition had an hour's bating five-day series. Atherton became involved ting. England A declared at straightaway when Stephen-son, who had helped England 282 for five, a lead of 175, and Zimbabwe B made 12 for one score 90 without loss, was caught behind as he tried to by the close. Lawrence encountered over-stepping problems and it was Martin cut the first ball of the day. Bicknell who had Walton held Darren Bicknell, the other in the gully just before the opening batsman, had time to play several text book drives before he mistimed and was The Zimbabweans bowled with more efficiency on an taken low down at extra cover. ultra-slow pitch than they had Bicknell, who was dropped at shown in their batting the mid-off earlier in the over, previous day. Lock, Lake and waited for the umpires to consult before he was given Brent all bowled tight medium pace and Dolphin and Elliot,

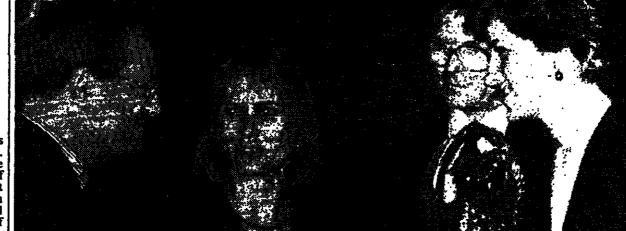
Thorpe, trying to clinch his place for the weekend fixture,

A plan for the England A subdued on another day of also mistimed a drive and was held at backward point. Blakey stayed 32 overs before he sparred outside the off stump and was caught at first slip. Whitaker, Thorpe's main rival, batted promisingly until he ran himself out. He set off for a single but was sent back and could not beat a direct hit by Goodwin from extra cover.

ZIMBABWE B: First limings 107 (D Lawrence 6 for 35).
Second limings
K G Walton c Afford b M P Bicknet......
K J Arnoti nor out
D G Goodwin not out
Extras (nb 4)

FALL OF WICKET: 1-6.
BOWLING: Lawrence 5-2-5-0 (4nb); M P Bednell 6-3-7-1; Afford 2-2-0-0; Mingworth 1-1-0-0.

R K Eingworth, J A Afford, D V Lawrence and M P Bicknell did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-127, 3-137, 4



Disabled sportsmen honour The Times

Total (5 wkts dec

costs of their centenary dinner

the eve of the match at

Twickenham against England;

the game with Wales at Car-

diff is a week later, on October

6. But the club also plans a

book and a video, and is

looking at the possibility of a

tour in 1991, with Canada

among the likely venues at the

moment. In that year, too, it

has been invited to help the centenary celebrations of

Constitution, in Cork, and

"Our catchement area is the

world," Mickey Steele-

SCORIERS: Canteridge: Tries: Davies (2), Booth Conversions: Stufflebothem. Per-alty Goet: Stufflebothem. Anti-Assas-slast: Tries: Holloway (2), Hackney. Conversion: Atchison.

Old Wesley, in Dublin.

at the Hilton on September 28,

The Times yesterday received from the Princess of Wales an award for its coverage of sport for the disabled. The honour came in recognition of what the judges of the British Sports Association for the Disabled media awards described as the "outstanding commitme nt" of The Times in reporting events and issues in sport for the disabled.

The Princess is seen above making the

where we will take ourselves?

We hope to tour and we may

have not been before. We

want to take good players and

"We must come out of our

show the game to other parts

centenary season with a finan-

cially-secure future and I think

that, with this sponsorship, we

have achieved that." The only

addition to the famous black-

and-white jersey will be the

BARBARIANS CENTENARY FIXTURES: September: 28: Centenary direc; 28: V Erigland (Twickenhem). October 6: v Wales (Cardiff; 38: v Newport. November

Scottish Amicable logo.

of the world.

presentation of joint first prize in the awards, sponsored by Grand Metropolitan, to Tom Clarke, Sports Editor of *The Times*, and Jane Wyatt, the correspondent for sport for the disabled, at a lunch at the Inn on the Park, London.

The other joint winner in the category for national newspapers was the Daily with The Observer highly

Other awards were presented to: Provincial newspapers: winner, Northern Echo, Darlington, highly commended, Rending Chronicle. Photography: winner, David Mansell (The Observer); highly commended, Eileen Langsley (Supersport Photographs). Television and radio: winner, Downhill Struggle (BBC TV South); highly commended, The Olympic Challenge (BBC TV).

SKATING

A modest ascent from the trough

Sally Stapleford, the recently installed chairman of the Nat-ional Stating Association figure committee, yesterday outlined a grand design calculated to re-store British fortunes in the

sport.
She was attending a reception for the British team before they embarked for Halifax, Nova Scotia, for next week's world

championships.

The sombre background to the task facing her is that the team of eight is the most inexperienced ever to represent this country. If the potential of its members offers hope for the future, their ambitions are severely limited at the moment, "I want to do the free skat-ing." Emma Murdoch, aged 18, the British champion, from Putney, said. That means she would hope to be only in the top 20 after the figures and original

programme.
Steven Cousins, her male counterpart, aged 17, from north Wales, is even less precise.

can," he said. "If that gets me into the top 20 and the free skating, so much the better."

Cousins, no relation to his illustrious namesake, feels he has profited greatly from staying in the Soviet Union after the European championships in order to take lessons from

Vladimir Kovalyov, a former world champion, in Moscow. Stapleford was understandably non-committal when asked if British skating was in a period of crisis after a calamitous team performance in the world championships in Paris last March, overtaken even by Australia. As she sought vainly for an appropriate word, Courtney Jones, chairman of the NSA, suggested it was "more like a trough".

Stapleford is confident of 20 after the figures and original programme.

Steven Cousins, her male counterpart, aged 17, from north Wales, is even less precise.

"My aim is to skate as well as I closer monitoring of progress."

SNOW REPORTS Depth (cm) Conditions to +te L U Piste Off/P resort (5pm) Runs Weather Last to +temp snow resort (5pm) °C fall

SNOOKER

Davis the computer has a bug

both left-arm spinners, also

kept the batsmen relatively

declared to ensure that the

By Steve Acteson

Steve Davis used to be regarded as such a flawless player by his manager, Barry Hearn, that Hearn described him as a human computer Whatever bug is now confus-

ing Davis's programme was in destructive mode again yesterday, however, as the world champion lost 5-2 to the world No. 19. Steve Newbury, of Wales, in the Pearl Assurance British Open fifth round in

Derby.

He is not alone in finding the branches at the top of the tree brittle under pressure, for, as Jimmy White and Steve James came face to face last night, the winner was about to be the only the total of the pressure in the state of top-16 player to figure in the draw for the quarter-finals.

Davis, whose list of surprising defeats since he won his last title in October has grown alarmingly long, beat Darren Morgan by 5-4 from 4-1 down in the last round, but Newbury is that much more experienced than Morgan and Davis admitted: "Steve played a very good sixth frame to beat me from behind. I thought he was going, but he proved me wrong."

Davis might have gone ear-

lier. Newbury began with a break of 73 and was 3-0 ahead before playing a poor safety shot on the final brown in frame four for Davis to clear to pink.

frame after snookering Newbury three times on the final red, but the malfunctioning Davis scorned chances in the seventh and Newbury then switched him off in style with a seventh nim on in style with a sevential frame break of 62.
Davis praised Newbury, but added: "I intend to be ready for the world championship."

Les Dodd, once slimmer of the year but now weighing 17 stones, ultimately proved too much of a heavyweight for the world No. 12. Tony Knowles. Dodd won 5-4 from 2-0 behind. RESULTS: Fifth named (England unless started): Newhorty (Wates) to S Owns. 5-2: L Dodd bit A Knowles, 5-4 Treastary's late resetts: A Higgins (N kre) bit D Mountpy (Wates) 5-3. R Chaparon (Carl) to A Robidoux (Carl), 5-4.

RUGBY UNION: AGREEMENT WORTH £900,000 HELPS WORLD-FAMOUS CLUB

Barbarians' birthday present

Initially the Barbarians will said yesterday. "After our

use the funds to defray the centenary season, who knows

Rugby Correspondent

One by one, rugby's most famous institutions fall to commerce - though, in most cases, with beneficial results for all concerned. The Barbarians, the most famous invitation club in the world, yesterday acquired the backing of Scottish Amicable, the life assurance company, with a sponsorship of £900,000 over the next three years.

This covers the period of the Barbarians' centenary season, 1990-91, during which they will play England, Wales and Argentina, while a match

against Scotland is planned for September 1991.

Cambridge put an end to lengthy losing run of the Anti-Assassins, and the Cambridge pair, Allen and Holmes, were rarely far from the

By Michael Austin

Cambridge Univ...

Anti-Assassins David Shufflebotham, the Cambridge stand-off half, allied inspiration with desperation to kick the crucial 30-yard penalty goal from the touchline against the Anti-Assassins and end his side's run of six consecutive

Shufflebotham put Cam-bridge ahead for the first and only time by harnessing the downfield wind perfectly to slide the ball inches inside the

The match produced five tries for the wings which exaggerated the extent of back play. The Anti-Assassins, beaten 35-12 by Oxford University last week, concentrated on their driving pack, with possession being entrusted reluctantly even to the

By Owen Jenkins

Swansea University 56 Oxford's first match against a Welsh university was a disaster as they were outclassed by

It was appropriate that Swan-sea took the lead after 11 minutes. They had foraged into the Oxford 22 and from second four minutes later when they worked the ball blind from a ruck on halfway and tight passing gave the left winger, Devonald, the ball 40 metres

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Swansea in ruthless form against Oxford

well go to countries where we Bristol, who lost the services

phase possession the ball was worked to Adebayo, the centre, who glided through to score. Swansea went further shead

out and he hugged the touchline to beat two would-be tacklers to score in the corner.

ing the ball tight, then releasing, were unstoppable and the fifth try was a formality for Flood.

17: v Argentina (Cardill), December 27: v Laicester. 1997: March (date to be decided): v East Midlands (Northampton). 30: v Cardill. April 1: v Swarsee. September 7: v Scotland (Murrayfield).

of Jonathan Webb, the former England full back, earlier this week, will also lose Barry White-head, their leading try-scorer. Whitehead, aged 27, who has

scored 20 tries in 17 appear-

ances this season, is to take up a post in Bermuda in April.

• The Royal Navy, who play

the Army in the opening match of the inter-services champ-

ionship at Twickenham on

programme with an 18-16 vic-

tory over the Metropolitan

Police at Imber Court yesterday.

Swansea University — 56
Oxford University — 12
Oxford's first match against a
Welsh university was a disaster
as they were ounclassed by Oxford scored a try through Stevens, the scrum-half who crashed over after a short per

alty move. Oliver, the stand-off converted. But Swansea's free running play brought them a further four tries. SCORERS: Swarenes: Tries: Adebayo (3), Devonald, Jones, Langley, Flood (2), Heywood (2), Hopidas (2), Conversions: Powel, Flood (3), Oxford University: Stevens, Elliot. Conversion: Oliver.

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY: R Jones: Hopkins, A Adebayo, P Flood, J Devolald, J Powell, A Moore; D Francis, R Tandy, Buckett, N Blessett, J Lewis, L Walters, & Langley, A Heywood.

score in the corner.

From a scrum five, Jones, the full back, went over for Swansea's third try.

Langley, the No. 8, crossed for the fourth from a scrum five heel against the head and it was difficult to believe that they were playing against the strong were playing against the strong wind. But their tactics of keep-

replacements will be occupied by James O'Riordan, aged 23, the uncapped Constitution hooker. He will be joined on the bench by Peter Russell, of Instonians, who won his first cap against England; Russell takes over from Ralph Keyes, of Constitution, who is suffering from flua.

The Irish train in Dublin

Calmgorne snow level. 2,000t; vertical runs, 1,400ft. Runs: upper and middle, all complete, new snow; lower, nearly complete, new snow; lower, nearly complete; access roads open; charfaits and tows, all open. Glenshee: conditions, snow level, 1,000ft vertical runs, 1,000ft. Runs: upper, most complete; lower, some complete, new snow, oftens, charfaits, Clarmwell open; tows, seven opensitis, clarmwell open; tows, seven opensitis, clarmwell open; charfaits open; tows, seven opensiting; all school and creone open. Acmach Moc. snow level, see level; vertical runs, 1,800ft. Runs: upper and lower, all complete, fresh snow on a pecked base, access roads open; charfait open; tows, five operating. Excellent slang conditions Glessoes snow level, 1,800ft. Runs: upper and lower, new snow on a pecked base, access roads open; gondots it open; charfait open; tows, five operating. Excellent slang conditions Glessoes snow level, 1,800ft. Runs: upper and lower, new snow on a firm base, access roads closed; charifaits and tows closed.

Forecast: A cold day with snow showers, especially over western resorts, where heavy snow well commune to fall for most of the day Eassern resorts with see the bast of the sunstime. Freezing level down to 1,000 or less, and authough the northwestery winds will steff mocrate to fresh, they will increase to gale lose during the course of the day, causing a severe wend-chill factor and some bazzard conditions. Soldeu 15 60 poor varied closed the After rain on Tuesday, conditions have worsened; still some sking in the bowl fine 5 AUSTRIA
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Good skiing much inproved by new snowfall, no queues
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Excellent skiing conditions on open runs FRANCE
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Yal d'Isère 110 220 good powder good snow High winds have limited skiling to below Solaise, La Daille and Fornet
Val Thorens 60 120 good powder good snow Few litts open because of high winds, long queues

urinia 160 300 good powder good snow Excellent snow but only one piste open, large queues and high winds SWITZERLAND
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Good skiing on upper slopes, many lifts closed by high
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cleaning the guerres. 28/2

Chay remetes are open at present giving good sking despite the queues

Wengen 20 150 good powder good cloud 2 28/2 Only village drag lift open at the moment due to high winds and recent heavy snowfall

Zermett 40 200 good powder good snow 1 28/2 No skiling, too much snow and no electricity. Excellent skiling prospects as soon as the weather clears

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower stopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

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conditions.

Outdook: Tomorrow will remain cold with showers or snow over the slope-Saturday will see more severe gales and storms over most areas.

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Ireland change hooker once more McDonald, aged 29, failed

Ireland were forced to change their hooker for the second time this five nations' championship season when John McDonald withdrew yesterday from the XV to play France in Paris on Saturday (David Hands writes). His place will go to Terry Kings-ton (Dolphin), who won the last of his seven caps against England two grars ago.

to recover from a torn calf muscle sustained in training last weekend, despite intensive physiotherapy. The Malone player came into the national side against England in January when Steve Smith, of Ballymens, left the field just before half-time with a damaged rib cartilage.

Kingston's place among the today before flying to Paris.

Martela is talk of town as further finishers drift in

From Barry Pickthall, Punta del Este, Uruguay

As the Italian vacht, Gatorade and The Card, the Swedish ketch which lost her mizzen mast shortly after the start. took seventh and eighth places yesterday, at the end of the fourth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race, the talk here continued to centre on the lucky escape of the 16 crew from the capsized Finnish entry, Martela OF.

We just have to thank the gods that the weather was good thoughout," Pierre Fehlmann, skipper of the Swiss entry, Merit, said. His vessel plucked 10 of the crew off the upturned Finnish

Ludde Ingvall, the skipper of UBF Finland, who co-ordinated the communications and search, was as adamant. "We were lucky they were broadcasting at the exact time the keel fell off and lucky it did not occur during the storm off the Falklands, when we were all busy trying to save our own skins."

Everyone here agrees that

the 41/2-hour rescue could not leading British entry, have been handled more efficiently or professionally by several times during the last the competitors and race or- leg but, it transpired yesganizers. The emergency, terday, none of the signals was however, has also highlighted picked up by the rescue several deficiencies. The most authorities. The equipment serious is the non-operation of will now be checked before the Martela's two EPIRB emer- restart on March 17.

Race officials were also told

Last night, Tracy Edwards's

have plugged a serious leak

OTHER POSITIONS (compiled at 15:11 GMT yestertics), with miles to Punte del Este); Mazd division: 9, NCB Ireland (J. English, Irs), 126; 10, Belmont Friland (J. Harkimo, Fin), 143; 11, Satquote British Defender (CGr C Watidne), 153; 12, Fortune (J. Santana, So), 145; 13, Fezzei (S. Novak, USSR), 193; 14, Liverpool Enterprise (B Selmon, GB), 322. Division 2: 1, Eguity & Law (D Nauta, Neth), 493. Division 3: 1, L'Esprit de Liberte (P Tabarly, Fr), 830; 2, Schlussel von Bremen (R Persch, WG), 899; 3, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 974; 4, La Poste (B Melle, Fr), 1,259; 5, Flucanor Sport (B Dubois, Sef), 2,436. Cruiser division: 1, Creightons Naturally (J. Chittenden, GB), 74; (Creightons Naturally (J. Chitenden, GB), Creightons Naturally (J. Chitenden, GB)

The emergency also ex-The crew also reported that posed serious deficiencies gency beacons. of the four six-man life-rafts within the Argentine search stowed on deck, only one and rescue authorities. surfaced when the yacht in- Considerable confusion was verted. One became trapped created when Argentine ofin the sails, and two others ficials reported to the remained under the boat. Whitbread race control centre According to Cdr Ian Bailey at Punta del Este that a Search

Wilmot, a leading member of and Rescue helicopter had the Royal Naval Sailing been scrambled, and later, was Association's race organiza- airborne. tion, three out of the nine emergency beacons that have that an Argentine fishing boat gone over the side during this was first on the scene, and had race have not worked. In picked up Martela's crew. addition, two others, fitted to However, none of these state-Steinlager 2 and Satquote ments proved to be correct. British Defender, have activated themselves for no all-woman team appeared to apparant reason.

Just as worrying, the EPIRB which developed in its British mounted in the cockpit of the yacht, Maiden. Edwards re-

pull out to. The lone sailor can only plug on until South Amer-

ica is reached - The Horn and

Carpentier, but still some 2,500 miles behind the leaders, sixth-

placed Alain Gautier had a fortunate escape when he fell

from half-way up the mast of his

Generali Concorde while trying

to repair a broken spreader -

One thousand miles ahead of

its terrors are en route.

ported yesterday that the yacht was taking in 60 gallons of water every two hours, but Carpentier rounds the Cape at a cost By Malcolm McKeag Emotionally drained and physically exhausted, Patrice Carbentor was yesterday at last able to report having rounded Cape Horn in the Globe Challenge non-stop single-handed round the world race. He is the seventh Globe competitor to do so, and is literally half a world away from the three race leaders, who are already at the Equator. Of water every two hours, but later told Equity and Law, the duty yacht, that all was now well on board. LEADBNG FIRSHERS: Fourth leg Aucklend to Puste del Estet 1, Steintager 2 (P Etalo, NZ), 22421:03: 3, Potrmare (L Smith, GB), 23:19:30: 5, Popital (G Dahma, NZ), 222:1:03: 3, Potrmare (L Smith, GB), 23:19:30: 6, Prilard (E Inoyell, Fin), 23:20:00: 7, Carden Jourdan, Sp. 17:48: 5, Merit (P Ferbirmann, Switz), 23:18:36: 6, Prilard (E Inoyell, Fin), 23:20:00: 7, Carden Jourdan, Sp. 17:48: 18:30: 6, Merit, P Ferbirmann, Switz, 23:18:36: 6, Merit, P Ferbirmann

from the three race leaders, who are already at the Equator.

Tituoan Lamazou passed into the Northern Hemisphere at 0900 GMT yesterday while Loick Peyron, who is lying second, and Jean-Luc Van Den Heede are expected to cross later today or tonight.

Carpentier has been through a month-long ordeal in the Southern Ocean, steering for up to 17 hours each day through freezing hours each day through freezing the horizontal strut which sup-temperatures, gales and snow-storms. Although the sails and suffered only a black eye.

BOWLS ROWING

Flatterer Price in final four

By David Rhys Jones

semi-finals of the Embassy world indoor singles champ-ionship when he beat Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong, by three sets to two at the Preston

Guild Hall yesterday.

McMahon, who had beaten
Price on the opening day of the
Commonwealth Games last month, continued where he left off in Auckland, winning the first set, 7-2.

Price, who has often flattered to deceive, seemed to be faltering again after his clinical dispatch of Jim Muir in the previous round. His brilliant form in early rounds has often given way to indifferent perfor mances in the later stages, and he has yet to fulfil his potential by winning a big event. A slight improvement in the

second set saw him move gift from McMahon presented him with three shots on the sixth end to square the match. Further improvement brought its reward when, in a tense third set. Price recovered from 1-6 with a four and a two to win 7-6, but McMahon responded strongly with a 7-0 victory in the fourth.

Seemingly unconcerned at that setback, Price bowled with increasing confidence in the final set, and needed only four ends to complete a 7-2 victory. His final flourish was a well-taken count of three on the

fourth end. Gerry Smyth and Steve Halmai, of Paddington, re-versed the result of last year's semi-final when they beat Rowan Brassey and Peter Belliss, of New Zealand, the world outdoor champions, by three sets to one.

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WhCulliough (Albert Foundry) wor. Bentaer:
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Gaorge's), pis; Feesther: R Nash (Fing) bit S
McCann (Hofy Family), pis; Light: J Erstine
(Hofy Transity) bit S McCarnick (St Agress), rec
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Glacche (Farintory, pis; Welter: E Fisher (Hofy
Transy) bit E Magee (Sacred Heard, pis; Lightmiddle: J Welbo (Pirintoria) bit E Duffy
(Burcarna), rsc tist Nikidle: J Murray (Hofy
Femily) bit C Cullen (Conce), pis; Light-heavy;
P McKay (Fath-hard) bit G Johnston (Enristillen), Dis; Heavy: P Nadden (St John
Bosco) bit R McGregor (Corimhans), Dis;
Super heavy: P Dugles (Holy Family) bit C
Robinson (Anfrin), rsc 2nd.

RUGBY UNION

PORKSHIRE CHAMPION Sizeffield Brunswick 12.

LMBC ride out gales to go top

Women

Lady Margaret rode out the gales in the gathering gloom at the end of the first day of the the end of the first day of the large sink Parabelle with a sin Charchill ill re-row this morning. Girton II.
FOURTH DIVISION: Magdalene III, St.
Cetharines II, Trinity Hall III, Kings II,
Christ's III, Vet School, Selvyn III,
Pembroite III, Addenbrookes, Queens' III,
Downing III, Sidney Sussex II, Calus III,
Jesus IV, CCAT, Wolfson.
IFITH DIVISION: Theological Colleges, St
Edmund's House, Emmanuel, Celus IV,
Fitzwilliam III, 1st & 3rd Trinity IV,
Fitzwilliam III, 1st & 3rd Trinity IV,
Fembroike IV, St Catharines III, Flobinson
II, Christs IV, Peterhouse III, Copus
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Cirristia IV, Cathar IV, Sidney Sussex III —
Clare V and Girton III re-row this morning
— CCAT III, Queens' IV. bump in the Long Reach to take

Men
First Divisione LMBC bpd Pembroke;
Trinity Hall bpd Emmanuel Jesus bpd 1st
and 3rd Trinity; Churchill bpd Clare;
Queens' bpd St Catherine's.
SECOND DIVISION: Fitzwilliam bpd Pembroke II, Peterhouse bpd Downing II,
Celus III bpd Selvyn II, Clare III bpd
LMBC3, Girton bpd Emmanuel II, Skd
Sussex bpd Jesus III.
THIRD DIVISION: Corpus Christi bpd
Churchill II; Peterhouse II bpd Derwirt; 1st
3 3rd Trinity III bpd LMBC V: Girton III bpd
Magdalene III.

Magdalene III.

& 3rd Trinsty III bpd LMSC V; Girton II bpd Magdainne III.
FOURTH DIVISSORE Girton II treble overbpd Pembroke III, St Catharine's III bpd Trinsty Half III; King's II bpd Christ's III; Vet School bpd Selwyn III; Addenbrookes double owerbpd Jesus IV; Ouean's III bpd Downing III; Skiney Sussex II bpd Celus III; CCAT bpd Wolston.
Fir-Th DIVISSORE Theological Colleges bpd St Edmund's House; Calus IV bpd Fitzwilliam III; 1st & 3rd Trinty IV bpd Pembroke IV; Robinson II bpd Christ's IV; Clare IV bpd Skiney Sussex III.

Today's starting order
FIRST DIVISION: LMBC, Pembroke, Trinity Hall, Emmanuel, Downing, Jesus, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Caius, Magdalene, Churchil, Clare, Selwyn, Queens', St Catherine's, LMBC B. Christ's. SECOND DIVISION: Jesus II., Fizwilliam, Pembroke II., 1st and 3rd Trinity II., Peterhouse, Downing B. Caius II., Selwyn III., Clare II. LMBC III. Robinson, Girton, Emmanuel II., Sidney Sussex, Jesus III., Knot's.

Christ's III bpd St Catherine's II.
Today's starting order:
FIRST DIVISION: Emmanuel, Jesus.
Churchill, Calus S; Clare, LMBC, Trinity,
Hall, Newnhain, Sidney Sussox, New Hall,
Christ's. Homeron, Queens', Girbon,
Downing, Fitzwilliam, St Catharine's.
SECOND DIVISION: Permbroke, Selvyn,
Jesus II. 1st 8 3rd Trinity, Robinson, Clare
II, OMABC, Corpus Christi, Newnham II,
Churchill II, LMBC III, Emmanuel II,
Peterhouse, New Hall II, Magdalene,
CCAT, LMBC III. **TENNIS**

Javer close to an upset

FOR THE RECORD

Indian Wells, California — in the second-set tie-break.
There is sometimes a very narrow margin between success and failure, as Monique Javer discovered yesterday, when a missed overhead probably cost her victory over Helena Sukova in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Indian Wells (Barry Wood prites). The Pei-(Barry Wood writes). The British No. 1 was defeated 4-6, 7-6, 6-0, but hit the overhead long, with the court open to her, at 4-5

BASKETBALL

TENNIS

most (say) or C. VIJBOR (Bidl, 6-3, 8-4, TERDIÁLE, indoor tournsmanet. First et K. Novacek (Cr.) of Phytory (Swey, 7-4, N. Pendra (Livy) th M. Kovernyans (Reth), 6-2 C. Saleb (WG) bt C. Ploins (F-1), 6-4, 6-5emsson (Swey) bt T. Nissan (Neth), 6-7, 6-4, T. Hogstadt (Swey) bt A. Mancini (Arg), 6-7, 6-2.

PRAGUE: Exhibition metals: I Lendi (Cz) bt M Medr (Cz), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

WIGAN: LTA women's Selatite sour Second rount: J Selson by A Ruetin's 2.6-4. K Hand by S De Vires (Nett), 6-4. 4. A Thomes (Fr) by J Klemm (WG), 3-6. 5. A Zugest (Fr) by C Weglink (Nett), 6-3. Humphreys-Devise by C Hall, 6-3. Hauschildt (WG) by L Low (SA), 6-5. Patzer (WG) by B Oddoore (I), 5-5. Alestres (SG) by C Wulkot (Bel), 6-3. 6 ROTTERDALE Indoor commenced.

in the second-set tie-break.

RESULTS: First round: G Fernandez (P Rico) bt J Pospissiova (C2. 6-1, 6-3; A Frazier (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 7-6, 6-3; K Ouentree (Fr) bt A Henricksson (US), 3-6, 7-5, 7-6; J Weisner (Austria) bt L Bonder-Kreissa (US), 7-6, 6-0. Second round: K Mateeva (Bul) bt K Finaldi (US), 6-1, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt C MacGregor (US), 6-1, 6-3; H Mandiskova (US) bt N Provs (Aus), 6-2, 6-1; J Novotna (C2) bt Y Koizumi (Japan), 6-0, 6-0; R Fairbank (SA) bt N Minyal (Japan), 6-4, 6-1; E Inoue (Japan) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 6-4, 6-1; H Sukova (C2) bt M Javer (GB), 4-6, 7-6, 6-0.

FOOTBALL

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Wednesday,
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Postponed: Premier
division: Garrsborough v Bishop Auckland.
Cup: Fourth round: Coine Dynamics v Hyde.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Egypt 0, Austra 0

SECOND DAVISION: Artroath 0, Brechn 2; Queen's Park 1, Stenhousemur 1. FATROPHY: Third council reclaims: Reclaids

VALIDHALL, LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayiesbuy 0, 53 Albans 1: Carshalan 2, Bashqsiole 2, Staines 1, Bognor 2; Windsor and Elon 0, Hayes 1. Pestponed: Bishgo's Stortford v Harrison. Flant division: Borothern Wood 1, Libbridge 0, Second division and model. Libbridge 0, Second division and

Women
FIRST DIVISION: Jesus bpd Churchit;
Caius bpd Clare; LMBC bpd Trinity Halt,
Newnham bpd Sidney Susses; Christ's
bpd Homerton; Queens' bpd Girton;
Downing bpd Filzwellen; St Catharine's
bpd Permirolue,
SECOND DIVISION: St Catharine's bpd
Selwyn: Jesus II bpd 1st & 3rd Tranty;
Robinson bpd Cere II; OMABC bpd
Corpus Christ; Newnham II bpd Churchil
II: LMBC II bpd Erranaruel II; Magdalene
overbpd Darwin; CCAT bpd LMBC III.
THIRD DIVISION: Girton III bpd Cress' II;
Selwyn II bpd Homerton III: Christ's II bpd
Sidney Susses; II; Gerton III bpd CCAT II;
Christ's III bpd St Catherine's II.
Today's starting order:

Ciapton 4. Second division south: Bangtsad Ath 0. Epsom and Ewell 1: Flackwell Heath 3, Maderniead Urid 0.
GREAT MALS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cupe Third roand: Barnstade 1, Biderford 0.
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LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second roand: Barling 1, Browley 0.
EERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP. Semi-final Slough 3, Abingdon United 0.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Wycombe 3. Webusione U. OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Milwall 3. Chaises 1; Wimbledon D. Cusan's Park 3. Cherses 1. Parish Culp: Third round, SCFA FLOCOLUGHT CUIP: Third round, SCFA FLOCOLUGHT CUIP: Third round, 92:4-3).

HOCKEY WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: CMB Service 2. WRAF 1. LUCKNOW: Indira Gandhi Gold Cap: South Koree 5. Poland 0.

ICE HOCKEY MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHLL: Weshington Cap-nals 4, Chicago Black Hewks 0; St Louis Blues 4, Buffalo Satires 1; Minnesota North Sters 8, Winnipeg Jets 3.

LACROSSE LUTON: National achools tournament: McFartane Cap (seriors): Semi-finales Berkhamstad 3. St. Helen's, Northwood 0: Wycombe Abbey 1. Semenden G. Fraut Berkhamstad 1. Wycombe Abbey 1. Semenden G. Fraut Chaillange Tropiny (univors): Semi-finales: Wycombe Abbey 0: Serithront Issue 1: St. Pauf's 1. Guidford HS 4. Fraut Berkhamstad 1; Graitford HS 4. Fraut Berkhamstad 1. Graitford HS 4. Fraut Berkhamstad 1.

FOOTBALL: FOURTH DIVISION CLUB SHOWS HOW A CONTINENTAL SYSTEM CAN BRING VICTORY



Partners in success: Paul Fitzpatrick with Clive Middlemass, the Carlisle manager, at Brunton Park yesterday

Carlisle sweep to success

By Peter Ball

English football and the sweeper system do not generally mix. Several clubs, including Arsenal, the champions, and Aston Villa, the challengers this season, have employed a system of three centre halves, which is another, almost purely defen-

yet of all places, the fourth division and the most northerly club in the League are suggesting it can be done. To say that Paul Fitzpatrick, a tall, elegant ball player has been solely respon-sible for Cartisle United's suc-cess would be unfair to his colleagues, and to the careful work of the manager, Clive Middlemass.

Middlemass has turned the club upside down in his two years in charge, rebuilding a side which now plays the type of precise passing game one would expect from a disciple of the late Don Revie, somewhat under-mining the belief that these days the only way out of the fourth division is to follow

Yet if Carlisle are playing football right through the side, it is no accident that the club's success began when Fitzpatrick, a midfield player of considerable ability on the ball, was converted into a sweeper 14 months ago. Then the club was second from bottom and, on paper anyway, in danger of going out of the League.

TABLE TENNIS

Chairman

Prean is

anti-Chen

By Richard Eaton

An attempt to stop the immediate inclusion of Chen Xinhua in

the England team when the former World Cup winner from

China becomes eligible in May has been made by John Prean, the chairman of the English

Table Tennis Association.

Prean has written to all 36

affiliated counties, asking their councillors to vote against

Chen's selection at the next Chen's selection at the next national council meeting on April 21 — even though the player has a wife, child and home in Huddersfield and will

shortly satisfy the two-year eli-gibility rule of the International Federation.

The chairman believes the

inclusion of a Chinese subject in

the England team would be part of a trend "which might make the sport look ridiculous". al-leges that there is "an indecent

rush of European countries to pick Chinese players" and claims that the federation's two-

year rule is "so lax as to be almost meaningless".

Prean, who has just been returned unopposed as the

ETTA chairman, has presided over a significant revival in English table tennis in the last

three years, and may well in-fluence voting with his appeal.

They have hardly looked back since. On a wild, stormy night last week, Fitzpatrick looked more like Beckenbauer than an English central defender as he constantly surged forward from the back to give Exeter, Car-lisle's closest rivals at the top of the table, apparently insoluble

"It isn't just a defensive system when played properly." Middlemass said, although no one who had only seen the version used by first division clubs could think anything else. "You've got to have defenders who are comfortable on the ball and not finited of people." and not frightened of people giving it to them, but the spare man has plenty of time on the ball to come forward. And you want full backs who can push on

"In the first two games we employed it away from home we scored three and four goals at Doncaster and Peterborough last season, so it's hardly defen-sive. It is great for the front three because it gives them more because it gives them more freedom in not having to come back so far — especially for the wide man. His job is up there in this system, he doesn't have to tuck back in."

But if the Carlisle manager is convinced of the efficacy of the system, even though he is reluctant to single out individuals, he admits that Fitzpatrick brings flair to the role. With his

acceleration, his eye for the telling pass, and the arrogance to try things, he looks an outstanding prospect, and the regular attendance of Rangers' scouts at Brunton Park comes as no surprise. The surprise is that it has taken so long for him to join Bolton at 18, and had just

mature physically as a lad, and he's stronger now than he was, but and Paul's a good footballer, there's no doubt about that," Middlemass, who had worked with Fitzpatrick at Bristol City, and "If you're a nood footballer. said. "If you're a good football you can play anywhere, but in midfield nowadays there just isn't any time or room, so we moved him back where he gets a lot more. The lad's probably happier now than he has ever been, and that makes a difference to a player, because you've got to be enjoying your

catch the eye.

It is a view with which Fitzpatrick concurs. He had a chequered career before and immediately after his arrival at Carlisle. "Until now the best two years of my career where with Terry Cooper and the boss at Bristol, but it's the same here

ar bristor, but it's the same rate now. I really look forward to going in training," he said.

"Of course winning is the most important thing, but I'm enjoying playing at the back. I'm always being encouraged to go forward, particularly at home. forward, particularly at home

there's no one picking me up when I do most of the time. Against Halifax I went right up into the box to score and there was no one picking me up."

established himself at right back when Phil Neal was appointed player-manager, bringing an abrupt end to his first-team

A move to Bristol City with Terry Cooper, where Mid-dlemass was assistant manager, offered a lifeline, and a conver-sion to midfield, until an attack of glandular fever kept him out for three months — and just as he returned Cooper was re-placed by Joe Jordan. Possibly Fitzpatrick at that stage was still suffering from the after effects of his illness, but he failed to convince the new manager, and he was ultimately allowed to rejoin Middlemass at Carlisle.

With the clapping into 92nd place, the fans were not impressed with their new signing. "He had been ill, then he hadn't been playing first team football, so he wasn't really match fit when he came, but I don't think they'd have appreciated Cruyff at that time," Middlemass, who finally allowed Fitzpatrick to go on loan to Preston to take the heat off him, said. His return was the start of someth

Villa will splash out on ground

Aston Villa are to spend between £3 million and £5 million over the next few years on turning Villa Park into a 40,000 all-seat stadium. Work will start at the end of the season when the victors' terracing in front of the visitors' terracing in front of the North Stand will be replaced

with 2,500 sears.
"In time the aim is to have another 14,000 seats at the Hottle another 14,000 seas at the chairman, Doug Ellis, said. "But first we will have to extend the roof to provide proper shelter for those at the front." Villa have signed a new front. What have square a co-fil million, three-year sponsor-ship deal with Mita, which will complete 10 years of association with the Japanese photo-copier company. The new contract is worth double Villa's previous

© Graham Roberts, the Chelsen captain and defender who has been placed on the transfer list, is likely to be reported to the Professional Footballers' Association and the FA. On the day of Chelsea's Zenith Data Systems southern final, second less assingst Crustal Palace at leg against Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge, an advertise-ment appeared in a national newspaper: "Graham Roberts— the truth about "I quit"

Brian Borrows, the Coventry City desender, yesterday signed a new long-term contract that will keep him at Highfield Road until 1994.

 West Bromwich Albion's plans to sign the Stoke City winger, Gary Hackett, were put on ice last night after the two clubs failed to agree on how the £70,000 fee should be paid.

Leeds want to sign **McClair**

Leeds United confirmed yes-terday that they had asked Manchester United about the availability of Brian McClair, the Scottish international for-ward (Ian Ross writes).

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, is believed to have offered in excess of £1.4 million for McClair but he was told that the player was not for sale.
Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager,

emphasized yesterday that de-spite McClair's poor scoring record this season he was still a key figure in the club's attempts to win the FA Cup and retain their first division status.

Although Wilkinson has spent more than £2.75 million

on new players in the past 12 months, he is still keen to strengthen his senior squad. Vince Hilaire, who has made only two first-team appearances for Leeds this season, is ex-

pected to leave the club shortly. Mel Sterland, the former Eng-land international full back who has not played a senior game for almost two months because of

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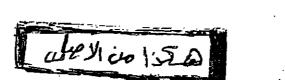
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England trapped in a Caribbean swamp

Cricket Correspondent Kingston, Jamaica

tently refused to extri- tragic death. "Ollie" was so cate England from many a much more than a former Caribbean calamity in the player with a sad story; he past, perversely turned nasty lived for cricket and, in this yesterday as if in huffy dis-approval of the threatened that he could not live long

Sabina Park was a swamp at the scheduled restart time in this first Test, and the England this first Test, and the England Suddenly, then, a week players, two quick wickets and which has defied logic, excitthe greatest upsets in recent cricket history, loitered in- By lunchtime, the ground staff stead in their hotel, impatient was spread languidly around for news and fearful of the the outfield with rakes, gatherultimate sporting injustice.

Lingering reluctantly late over breakfast, casting baleful glances at the clouds still only four feet behind the congregating mockingly, the crease at one end, where the bulk of the squad was then hopelessly inadequate tarpau-taken for some distracting lin covers had leaked. exercises on the hotel tennis court while Graham Gooch enough water seriously to and Allan Lamb headed for endanger a bowler in his runthe ground to inspect the up and, whether caused by age and encourage the

Their one consolation as the an English ground, to have ground began to recover from had Dickie Bird fretting 24 hours of heavy, showery theatrically for several hours and unseasonable rain, was

The sombre mood of everyone English was immeasurweather, which has from home of Colin Milburn's enough to salute and celebrate, in his own special way, a

nandful of runs from one of ing and bewildering us with equal facility, had gone awry. ing piles of loose, muddy grass. Puddles still littered the field. The critical area was

famous England win.

This patch had taken neglect or misfortune, it was bad enough, if transferred to before abandoning play for the

Harare - Ted Dexter, the chairman of the England committee, seat a goodwill mess-age to Peter Lush, the England Test team manager in Kingston, from here in Zimbabwe yesterday (Richard Streeton writes), It read: "Only barest details filtering through from

going reasonably well for Gooch/Stewart combo! A team upset that their thunder is being stolen but send grudging good wishes nevertheless! Best of luck for successful conclusion." It was signed by the members of the England A

Gooch remained impressively phlegmatic. "When you have played for 15 years you learn to accept the weather as an opponent in every game," he said. "We just have to be patient and grateful that time is still on our side."

Sabina Park was virtually deserted, English tourists outnumbering locals. Although this was Ash Wednesday, a public holiday in Jamaica, there may have been just as few here in perfect weather. The West Indian attitude, reflected by their cricket press, is that this game has been irretrievably lost and

the second Test, to be played in Guyana, traditionally a batsman's wicket and the scene of many a high-scoring draw, offer tempting value with England 100-30, West Indies 8-I I, and a draw at 9-4. The draw at 9-4 with Surrey Racing, covered with England to win at 4-1, available with Corais, looks handsome value.

LATEST ODDS: Victor Chandler: Engle to win series, 5-2; drawn series, 2-1; W Indies to win series, 8-11. Corale: 2-1; with Surrey Racing at 3-1. 8-11. Serrey Recing: 3-1; 3-1; 8-11. William Hill: 5-2; 100-30; 4-6. Tim Curtis, who opened for England in three Test matches last season, is to be the Worcestershire vice-captain

> seasons the county champions have appointed an official deputy to their captain, Phil Neale, and Curtis was nomi

Jamaica, how

distressed by Milburn's untimely death. They love characters here, and charac-ters came no more vivid than Colin. I knew him well only in his later years when, despite the misfortune which blighted a potentially memorable career, he had retained an ;; abiding enthusiasm for the game which he never failed to The first Test match I ever

saw, a twelfth birthday present from parents who never shared but cheerfully suffered my sporting passion, was in 1966 at Lord's - England against West Indies. I joined the queue which snaked down from north turnstiles and then, like a child set loose in a sweet shop, sat on the boundary's edge among friendly, laughing West Indians who, like me, learned to love Milburn. To my young eyes, he was not the shape to be part of all this, but he made runs and he became, on that unforgettable day, a hero.

Obituary. More cricket...

Gooch, yesterday, had a similar story to tell. "I was taken to the Oval for the 1968 Test against Australia," he said. "I had never seen a Test before but, above all else, I member watching "Ollie" bat. Five years later, when he tried to make a comeback after his eye accident, I played against him in a Sunday league match. He was a shadow of the great player he had been but he was still the same character.

Micky Stewart recalled Milburn as "a knowledgable student of the game, one who had a great recall of events because he was genuinely a cricket lover, not just a cricket player." Lamb and Wayne Larkins were visibly stunned by the demise of a man who. for years, was never far from their home ground at North-It is the first time in four ampton. All of us here, on this mournful morning, felt we had lost a friend.





that their remarkable efforts day. already had left them two As the umpires ruled that no days, rather than just this one, play was possible before tea, Bookmakers caught napping

The leading firms varied

English bookmakers have win, for Corals will no longer been as surprised as anyone face paying out £70,000 for a else by the extraordinary West Indies "blackwash." events which have taken place Their quoted odds of 5-1 had at Sabina Park during the first been snapped up with the Test match. While their speed of a Devon Malcolm Jamaican counterparts did yorker. flourishing business on horseracing at Kempton Park, between offering 25-1 and 40the domestic contest was I on England's chances of considered by locals as a non-winning the series. The best betting item, and they de- price available today is now

clined to open a book. The Victor Chandler Their chairman, Mervyn Wilorganization here might wish son, remains sceptical it had followed suit. One "Personally. I am i intrepid backer placed £1,000 to view this as a one-off, at 20-1 on England to achieve wonderful though it may be." the unthinkable by winning Wilson said. "People have the opening Test, which reported that Marshall and should give him some funds to Richards are not the force of fly out to the Caribbean.

Meanwhile, in Barking a team odds-on favourites to huge collective sigh of relief win the series at 8-11."

After the euphoria of the first

heavy rains that lashed Kings-

ton on Tuesday. The vice-

captain and I opted for half a

day out on a small boat in the Cays and looked with interest

as Kingston disappeared in the distance behind a wall of dark

grey rain. When that same storm hit us 20 minutes later,

all I can say is that at least we

were dressed for the occasion.

By yesterday morning most of us had dried out substan-

tially more than the outfield at

ened by the very

Kingston

"Personally, I am inclined

old, but I still make the home

three days of this first Test

The former England captain comments on the first Test

Sabina Park, which appeared to have been attacked by a giant mole. The "molehills" were in fact grass and topsoil raked into convenient mounds for removal with, I suppose, some of the moisture thus

But prospects of play being irony of the position in which

amuse themselves, while most nd staff's continuing mopping-up operations, or the press contingent sadly obliged to be putting their recollec-tions together for Colin Milburn's obitancy. For my

> and the people who played it. I talked yesterday of the

own part, I shall remen

him as an ever-genial, genuine

lover of cricket, who always

loved being around the game

Indies team. The home side will be emulating Michael Holding's commentary box rain-dance - I am sure there will be somebody in their dressing-room with suitable portable stereo equipment to provide the motive force.

As for our own merry band, they have, of course, already had a couple of rain stopped play nets in Trinidad, and the good news for those of them without the inclination to pol-

far little called upon in the middle to organize an impromptu indoor net, but hope-fully using a tennis ball cricket ground is under water, instead of the genuine article. the torpor that follows is You will, no doubt, be stag-almost automatic. gered to hear that I have ployed this very tactic myself on previous visits.

There would surely be a pack of cards somewhere in up very quickly.

England found themselves, a ish off a Timer crossword, or evidence later in the day, but at long way ahead on points and almost certainly without a least for the morning the major with rain the only hope for the copy of The Times anyway, is part of the squad was able to that the dressing rooms at join the Laurie Brown fitness end, then the chances of a later Sabina Park are big enough to clinic at the hotel, without pash a couple of chairs out of having to endure the general the way to enable those thus tedium shared by all at the tedium shared by all at the supposed scene of the action It does not seem to matter

> For England, however, the incentive was so great that whenever the game did re-start they were sure to wrap things

Olympic

Rome (AP) - The structure of Now you can be sure to see Phil Collins the International Olympic

> ation of Summer Olympic and to trim participation to no International Federations more than 10,000 compet-(ASOIF) and from the Associ- itors. "We can expect more ation of National Olympic than 15,000 athletes, officials Committees (ANOC), and coaches in Barcelona in Samaranch said: "We are 1992," Samaranch, who happy to say we have reached agreements on all the issues on said. "The Olympic village

League is

put back

until 1991.

Left out

the side of John Broc.

Cairns out

David Hannah and David

Mcliroy have been dropped

from Scotland's table tennis

Chris Cairns, aged 19, the cricketer, will be unavailable

either for New Zealand's tour

of England or for Nottingham-

He said: "Profound the Olympic Games is to visions are required for the undergo radical alteration Olympics. We are aware that with the introduction of quo- some sports on the protas for competitors and gramme no longer deserve full of the three international changes to the schedule of participation while others events, Juan Antonio have grown and qualify for a for the IOC, Primo Nebiolo Samaranch, the president of greater presence." Samaranch said it would be

Committee, said here "difficult to revise and climinate certain events" but added After a two-day meeting that this was necessary for the with officials from the Associ- Games to promote interest has room for no more than

SPORT IN BRIEF

15.500 people so we will have to introduce quotas." A commission with nine

members, including the heads organizations - Samaranch Vasquez Rana for the ANOC - will meet in Barcelona on March 31 to set the criteria for

Samaranch stressed an agreement had been reached in Rome to consider the universality of competition, with a minimum of six competitors and two officials per country, and then the quality of the events, to include all elite athletes. He said a decision on the

No games

New York (Agencies) — Adhering to a rule requiring

10 days between the reporting

date and the first games

two minutes - and did not foresee the sport being He stressed that South Af-

5,000 officials," he said.

rica was strictly "an African problem, and the solution has to come from Africa" after the total dissolution of apartheid.

quotas was important for Barcelona, but essential for future games: "It is impossible for anyone to do a good job in organizing a sports event with more than 10,000 athletes and

Samaranch said the IOC was satisfied with the innovations introduced by the Intervesterday. national Boxing Federation new gloves, safer protective helmets and five rounds of

Ricky Chaplin and Gareth
Hives, the Welsh weightlifters
who were found positive for
hormone drugs at the Commonwealth Games in New
Zealand, have been banned

levels of the hormone drugs in
the competitors urine at the
Commonwealth Games. The
testing in Auckland was capried out at the laboratory,
funded by the Australian Gov-The decision was taken at a meeting of the central council in London last Saturday and will be announced tomorrow. Chaplin Hives have the right of appeal.

The Times can also disclose he names of the two British tower lifters who were positive the firm.

for taking drugs wiles process process the like the like

Weightlifters

which means that either they may have bought the drugs out in New Zealand or sings gled them into the country.

Chaplin, who won a gold medal, and Hives, who took three silver medals, returned home. inree silver medals, returned home immediately after their positive tests were announced in Auckland. Chaplin in the first samples at the world championships in Canada three months ago. They are Neil Hurst, from Andover, who was second in the under 125kg category, and Peter Tregloan, from Southampton, found to have an unacceptable who was third in the superlevel of testosteroneand Hive heavyweight (over 125kg) was found psotive for stanozolol, the same anabolic steroid that was found in the The BAWLA will have to urine of Ben Johnson at the ban both these competitors for

1988 Olympic Games. life if the second sample is Both Hurst and Tregions found positive for drugs, won British titles this year and whose type has yet to be Hurst competed at the 1988 revealed. At least one of the competitors has asked for a world championships in second sample to be analyzed Perth, Western Australia. Neiat the Montreal Laboratory. ther was available for comwhich is accredited by the ment last night. International Olympic Com-

Last year six British powerlisters were given life bans after testing positive and Steve Pinsent, a 1982 champion was inited in November for supplying hormone drugs and another Commonwealth champion Dean Willey, was dropped from the England team for sport, has investigated the testing positive.

Brabham survival hopes are fading

By a Special Correspondent

efforts were being made to keep the Brabham Formula One team afloat yesterday, their chief designer. Sergio Rinland, left abruptly to join the Tyrrell organization.

mittee and run by Dr Robert Dugal, one of the most re-

spected figures in the world of

scientific analysis of drugs in

The decision on Chaplin

and Ives comes as Senator

John Black, who has con-

ducted a massive inquiry into

drug-taking in Australian

This move suggests that hopes of Brabham cars taking part in the season's first grand prix in Phoenix a week on Sunday are now slim indeed. Brabham appearance in the grand prix series seem ex-

tremely remote. It would end a distinguished grand prix history, which began way back in 1962. It would mean no drive for Stefano Modena and Gregor Foitek, while the 82-strong workforce at the team's Chessington headquarters

would face a difficult future. Yet a rescue package had been organized by Peter Windsor, a former journalist now with Ferrari, who has a claim to 20 per cent of Motor a fortnight later. Racing Developments Limited, the Brabham owner.

I understand he had worked for many weeks in an effort to find a buyer for the beleaguered team. Middlebridge, a large Japanese corporation. was keen to buy and this had Windsor's complete approval. They wanted to buy Brabham and sponsor the team," Windsor said

A price was agreed and a contract drawn up, but the liquidator of Kingside Establishment, the majority shareholder of MRD, apparently changed his mind and said he did not want to sell to Middlebridge.

rescue package would cer- reports).

While desperate last-minute tainly have enabled the team to race with a full budget for the season. If they do not continue, it will be very sad."

If Brabham do not go to Phoenix, this would have repercussions on the timetable. The original entry list was 35, but if this drops to 34 or less, then the pre-qualifying session during an hour on the Friday morning will be scrapped, to the relief of several lowly teams.

The future of another British-based team, Onyx, is also the subject of speculation. They too are looking for a * buyer, but indications last night were that their situation : .. may be resolved before the weekend, and certainly the Onyx cars, due to be driven by Stefan Johansson and J. J. Lehto, are being prepared for air freighting on Saturday.

As if these problems were 11. not enough, two drivers, Alex Caffi and Emanuele Pirro, will miss the Phoenix race and the following grand prix in Brazil

Caffi, No. 2 in the Footwork Arrows team, has broken his left shoulder blade, it is said through falling off a mountain training bike, and will be out of action for several

Dallara driver, Pirro, is out of action with what is thought to be hepatitis and his place in Phoenix will be taken by Giovanni Morbidelli, winner of last year's Italian Formula 3 championship, and a test driver for Ferrari.

 SAO PAULO: The safety inspector of the International Auto Sports Federation, Roland Bruynsereade, yesterday approved the Jose Carlos Pace raceway as the site of the Brazilian Grand Prix, for the "I was mystified and Brazilian Grand Prix, for the shocked," Windsor said. "The first time since 1980 (AP

Manchester mourn Penny

By Nicholas Harling

Birmingham-born Penny stayed at Connecticut until be

Penny's death, eight min-utes into the Carlsberg League

doctor went out to no avail on Tuesday while Penny was treated by St John Ambulance

"There is no policy about having doctors present at games but clubs will probably talk about it now at their next meeting, which is on Sunday, Carmel Gurling, a spokes-person for the Carlsberg

most in that they do have St are not forced to."

Tony was a gentleman and one of the most pleasant young men in the game.' agreed to call off their League

John Ambulance men at most games but at the moment they Nigel Roden,

Manchester director, said Bracknell Tigers have

home fixture against Manchester on Saturday as a mark of respect for Penny. No new date for the fixture, or for the Giants v Kingston game. V has been announced.

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Chosen man Alex Dickson, and boxing British lightweight boxing Egypt safe champion, has been nomi-nated to challenge Salvatore team for the European championships in April for objecting to the omission from title on April 28 in Rome.

Off green

Cairns: back injury Alex Dickson, the former terday.

Nardino for the WBC international lightwelterweight

Unlikely win Julie Salmon, from Sussex, was beaten by Kay Hand, a player 265 places below her in

Egypt are unlikely to lose their place in the World Cup finals this summer despite Algeria's demand that Egypt be suspended from international competition for two years. Steve Rees has been left out of The Algerians are upset

major-league baseball tearns began cancelling spring-training exhibitions yesterday. Players have been locked out for two weeks in the absence of a basic labour agreement.

the world rankings, in the LTA women's satellite tennis tournament in Wigan yes-

the Welsh team to compete in because the Egyptians withthe home international bowls drew late in the day from the shire this summer because of a series at Prestwick from April African Nations Cup which stress fracture of the back. 2 to 6.

Tony Penny, the basketball

forward, who collapsed and died while playing for Manchester Giants on Tuesday, had a heart condition that had prevented him from play-ing for two years during his studies in the United States. As Manchester mourned

the death of one of their most popular players yesterday, it became clear that Penny, aged 24, the younger brother of the club's captain, Kevin, had in 1986 complained of chest pains, brought on, he assumed, by weightlifting. The 6ft 7in former England junior was told, following tests by a number of doctors, that he had Hyper Tropic Cardio Myopathy, a thickening of one of the walls in the heart.

According to David Rybczyk, the assistant basketball coach at Central Connecticut State University, Penny was so determined to carry on playing that he went to extreme lengths to prove that he was in prime condition. "He was referred to a

local cardiologist and sub-sequent to that he sought many expert opinions," Rybczyk said. "He was a vibrant young man and basketball meant so much to him. He had sacrificed a lot to come here and play."

gained a bachelor's degree in communications and then he returned to England to play for Manchester at the beginning of this season ... with tragic consequences. "He was one of the most outstanding young men I've ever been associated with," Rybczyk said. "He was a very special

game against the leaders, Kingston - after he had just been replaced - might force the clubs' management boards to impose a policy requiring all clubs to have doctors attending major matches. Repeated loudspeaker calls for a

League, said. "Manchester are better than